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SHORTWAVE AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1628, August 2-8, 2012

Thu 0330	WRMI	9955	[started at 0352]
Thu 2100	WTWW	9479	
Fri 0329v	WWRB	5050	[confirmed, but not on webcast]
Sat 0130v	WBCQ	5110v-CUSB	Area 51
Sat 0630	HLR	7265	Hamburger Lokal Radio
Sat 0800	WRMI	9955	
Sat 1500	WRMI	9955	
Sat 1730	WRMI	9955	
Sun 0400	WTWW	5755	
Sun 0800	WRMI	9955	
Sun 1530	WRMI	9955	
Sun 1730	WRMI	9955	
Mon 0500	WRMI	9955	
Mon 1130	WRMI	9955	
Tue 0930	HLR	5980	Hamburger Lokal Radio
Thu 0330	WRMI	9955	[or maybe 1629 if ready in time]

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** ANGUILLA. 11775, August 1 at 1400, no signal from DGS, tho it was there during the 1300 hour (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 11775, University Network (p); 2003, 31-July; Dead Dr. Gene ranting about the failings & weaknesses of the apostles. SI0=454. No sign of harmonic Dead Dr. Gene on 23550. 11775 17 seconds! ahead of 13845 WWCN (p), SI0=4+54+ (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, (p) means presumed -- no ID of any sort heard; all logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

There is never an ``ID of any sort`` mentioning Caribbean Beacon or Anguilla, so by those standards every log of it must be ``presumed`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA. 15476, July 26 at 1336, NO SIGNAL from LRA36, not surprisingly, during the bihour it was last known active on Thursdays.

Spring is nigh; will that encourage a reactivation? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. Caros amigos, Seguem os dados das escutas em ondas tropicais processadas nos últimos dias:

3060, 27/05 [sic], 0836, R. Continental, Coronel Freitas/SC, jingle "Continental, um show de rádio" (3 x 1020 kHz) 35343. Captar o terceiro harmônico da Rádio Continental foi bem interessante. Alguns dos áudios das escutas estão disponíveis em breve em meu blog.

Equipamento utilizado:

Receptor Quicksilver QS1R

Antena Beverage 100 metros

Pré-amplificador Clifton Laboratories Z10046A

Local das escutas: Guaratã/SP

73 (Ivan Dias Jr. - Sorocaba/SP, Aug 1, <http://ivandias.wordpress.com> radioescutas yg via DXLD) ``in the last few days`` so must have meant dates to be July instead of May (gh, DXLD)

Essa Rádio Continental em 3060 É o terceiro harmônico de 1020 kHz; com certeza É um transmissor SNE com os filtros danificados. 73 py2ari (Ariovaldo Lobrito, ibid.)

** ARGENTINA. 15345.3, Radio al Exterior; 2144-2204+, 20-Julio; M in German (odd accent) with mix of jazz and camp'o tunes; 2154+ to 2200 8-note IS and "Rae Argentina" IDs in various languages; ToH pips/tone into series of IDs in multi-LLs with música de elevador; 2202:50 into Spanish program. SI0=3+33- before 2200 due to 15350 Arabic QRM, LSB helped. 15350 went off before 2200, then SI0=453 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 85 ft. RW and 180 ft. center-fed RW, logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST) ``15350`` should be 15349 Morocco (gh)

** ASCENSION. VINTAGE BBC ASCENSION ISLAND TRANSMITTER PART ON EBAY

A very appropriate retirement present for the senior engineer at Ascension spotted by Sean Gilbert on Facebook.

[http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/VINTAGE-PART-BBC-SHORTWAVE-RELAY-TRANSMITTER-ASCENSION-ISLAND-LOOKS-GOLD-PLATED-/300690796740?](http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/VINTAGE-PART-BBC-SHORTWAVE-RELAY-TRANSMITTER-ASCENSION-ISLAND-LOOKS-GOLD-PLATED-/300690796740?pt=UK_Sound_Vision_Other&hash=item46029170c4#ht_222wt_1064)

[pt=UK_Sound_Vision_Other&hash=item46029170c4#ht_222wt_1064](http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/VINTAGE-PART-BBC-SHORTWAVE-RELAY-TRANSMITTER-ASCENSION-ISLAND-LOOKS-GOLD-PLATED-/300690796740?pt=UK_Sound_Vision_Other&hash=item46029170c4#ht_222wt_1064)

(via Mike Barraclough, dxldyg via DXLD) But is it really gold-plated?

** AUSTRALIA. Re VL8A site in DXLD 12-29: I visited the transmitter site in April 1986, not long after the NT service went on the air. A guy at the Alice Springs ABC station gave me directions to the site, not hard to find a few clicks down the Stuart Highway past the airport. Right next to the highway. The ABC station didn't have much

to do with the programming of the station at the time; that came down the track from Darwin, also to Katherine and Tennant Creek. I've been to Katherine a couple of times since, but never had the time to track down their transmitter. The Alice Springs transmitter was automated and unmanned novel for that time), and I think the ABC engineer only went out to the site as needed. I dug out the negatives I shot during the stop-off to catch a flight out (good thing they didn't have digicams back then, eh? probably wouldn't be able to open the file now) and looking at them the antenna consisted of two masts, with a V-shaped antenna between them that was fed from the bottom of the V (that's the extent of my antenna expertise). I recall reading that transmitter has been replaced at least once, and no wonder -- the climate there is brutal (Chuck Albertson, Seattle, Wash., July 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 4835, VL8A, Alice Springs in English, 1814-1841, M talk, interviewing other Men (not much clear, mentioning Australia) till 1820; heard better in USB to null lite ute in LSB; fast QSB & strong statics crash; from 1834 heard with Nir 12; poor; 07/27 (Giovanni Serra, Roma, Italy, JRC NRD 525; Alpha Delta DX-SWL Sloper-S; RG 8 mini coaxial cable; JPS NIR 12 Noise & Interference Reducer-Dual DSP outboard audio filter; Intek PS-35 5 ampere feeder; JRC ñ NVA 319 external loudspeaker unit; Yaesu YH ñ 77 STA stereo headphones; Zoom Corp. H2 handy digital recorder MP3 & WAV files; Oregon Scientific RM912 Radio controlled clock; Toshiba Laptop PC Windows XP2 (offline for loggings); Interkart framed wall board political world map (1: 46,400,000); the DX Edge-Xantek Inc.(daylight-darkness desk world map), DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4835, ABC VL8A Alice Springs, 1033-1044, July 29. Live coverage of the Olympics basketball match up between Brazil and Australia; // 2325, 5995, 6020, 6080, 9580 and 9710. RA on 6140 via Singapore had not signed on yet (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4835, ABC VL8A Alice Springs, 1235, July 31. Live coverage of the Olympic boxing match between Australia and Cuba; 1300 iThis is Olympic game coverage on A-B-C Grandstand, London 20-12î; iStay connected. Have your say . . on 783 A-B-C Alice Springs Facebook pageî; iGrandstand on A-B-C Local Radio, carrying on the Olympic traditionî; into the ABC news. At tune in RA was not carrying this Olympic coverage, but was later. Edited MP3 audio posted at <https://www.box.com/s/b6417e5a6dcb026e00a1> (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. RADIO AUSTRALIA UNUSUAL PROGRAMMING

I listen almost every morning to Radio Australia -- my habit for several decades. Tuned 9580 kHz at 1115 GMT (6:15 a.m. CDT, Dallas). Heard the regular news summaries and several important political stories throughout my listening time, both on the international scene (London Olympics, Syria crisis, etc.) and the Asia/Pacific region itself (China, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and Vanuatu, etc.).

But where else would one hear extended reports on the launch of a "rock music school" in Kabul, Afghanistan (story began at 1145 GMT), and later, beginning at 1230 GMT -- on the program segment called "Future Tense" -- a report on "Smart Cities" -- a proposed smart way of developing life in our cities that is healthy and sustainable. In an interview with a Prof. C. J. Lynn of London we heard about "urban farming" -- actually raising food in urban environments, realizing that "food security" will become a growing issue worldwide. All rather fascinating, intellectually stimulating, and all on shortwave! (Grayson Watson, Dallas, TX using a Sangean 909x with an Apex Radio 700DTA antenna, July 26, NASWA yg via DXLD)

R. AUSTRALIA'S SEPARATE PROGRAMMING ON 12080

I listen almost daily to Radio Australia on either 9580 or 11945 kHz. Today I tuned 9580 to check the quality of the signal, and then at 1030 GMT I began some random dial cruising. Suddenly I heard a program in English on 12080 kHz, and in due course the announcer indicated a broadcast from Radio Australia! But it was an entirely different program compared to the one I had been listening to on 9580. I even went back to 9580 twice to confirm that the program streams were entirely different -- though both were from RA!

What I discovered was that the program on 12080 was Radio Australia's "Coral Sea Service" beaming daily from Brandon, Northern Queensland, with only 10 kW of power to places like the Solomon Islands, Bougainville, Vanuatu and Papua New Guinea. The daily broadcasts are usually in the Tok Pisin language, especially popular in PNG, but on Mondays and Saturdays only, from 1000 to 1100, the programming is in English. I especially enjoyed the Pacific-type music that led us to sign-off at 1059. I will now include 12080 kHz when listening between 1000-1100 GMT, especially for the English broadcasts on Mondays and Saturdays. I am a happy SWL today! (Grayson Watson, Dallas, TX, July 30, using a Sangean 909x portable with an Apex Radio 700DTA active antenna, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

Radio Australia in English at 15-17 UT, heard with long commentary about national gas exploration, solar alternatives and wind turbines, and energy analysts, fundamentals of 5995 and 5940 kHz produced two S=8 SPURIOUS signals on symmetrical 6050 and 5885 kHz, some 55 kHz distance away.

Strong southern winter 49 mb broadcasts on midnight in Pacific.
Fundamentals had a S=9+40dB signal on Perseus remote SDR net rx unit
in Australia (Wolfgang B, schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 27, dxldyg
via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

With Australia being a country that emphasizes sports competition, I
was pleased to see Radio Australia carrying live Olympic Games
coverage on July 28th at 1108 on 9580 // 11945 pre-empting normal
Grandstand Sports coverage of rugby and Aussie football. This coverage
continued past the news at 1200 pre-empting Saturday Night Country. It
will be interesting to see if this coverage becomes daily over the
next two weeks (Mark Coady, Peterborough, ON K9J 6X3, Cumbre DX via
DXLD)

True that. I was listening to Radio Australia this morning on both
9580 and 11945 at 1100 UT (7:00 AM EDT) and they were covering a men's
swimming event (J. K. Johnson, ibid.)

11945, July 29 at 1309, RA covering cycling in London. Seems they have
blown away their regular programming for Olympic stuff! So no
``inquisition`` in the Sunday night religion program for a couple
weeks. Who wants to listen to the Olympix instead of seeing these
overwhelmingly visual events? (Don't tell me RA has suddenly decided
to specialize in blind listeners, who could also hear video
soundtrax.) RA online program schedule still claims religious `Sunday
Nights` is at 12-16 on both Asian and Pacific streams. Don't you
believe it! (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

Glenn: Yeah --- on the RA coverage of the Olympics. Not easy to listen
to. Sometimes, I tuned in RA at 12080 during the early US hours (0600-
1000 UT). To my chagrin, I have heard soccer games there TOO
FREQUENTLY! I am tuning in RA online occasionally. 9580 seems to be
the best during US daytime. (I was informed of this station by a mate
from RA via e-mail.) Found religion yet? If not, just stay tuned. You
are certain to find a broadcast or two. They spare no wattage. Cheers!
(Wendell Lloyd, ptsw yg via DXLD)

11945, July 31 at 1356, RA with a 2-minute break in Olympic coverage
for ABC News, because live H20polo is imminent at hourtop involving
the Oz team. Tough luck if you expect news on the hour to be
sacrosanct on RA (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA [non]. 9490, UAE, R. Australia, Dhabbaya, 2304-2329* July
26, M announcer in listed Burmese with news & soundbites; IDs in
passing; M & W in discussion; pulled the plug during s/off

announcement; fair in ECSS-LSB (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, NH, NRD-545, MLB-1, 200i Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA [and non]. 15340, July 30 at 1310, HCJB with S Asian music, good signal with RHC missing; in fact HCJB, long path? is the SSOB! Except for an open carrier on 15610 to 1312*: WEWN on wrong frequency, missing from 15615? RHC 15230 is poor. So I wait for RHC to come on 15340: finally carrier on just before 1315, then modulation, atop HCJB but producing fast SAH and still audible under. Per Aoki, the 1300-1315 segment is in Nepali Mon-Thu; Dzongkha Fri; Oriya Sat; Punjabi Sun (Glenn Hauser, OK DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also CUBA

** BAHAMAS. Hi Guys: July 24th was a Great Day for E-Skip here. The Bands were hopping for most of the Day and well into the Evening!! Lots of Stations Logged including a Rare appearance from the BAHAMAS on FM!! Not much doing since though; it sure was nice to have another Blow-Out before the Es Season ends. Maybe not done yet, but things have been pretty slow for the entire month of July!!

104.5, ZNS FM, Nassau, July/24/12, 1100 EDT, English, VG, In for OVER an Hour and quite SOLID!!! 2 Male DJs with caribe Accents. Spot for the "Caribbean Bottling Company". Spot for "Paradise Fisheries". IDS as "ZNS 104.5 FM" Lots of Island and Caribe Music. Many Mentions of BAHAMAS and Local Weather. Best Reception of this EVER! I felt like I was there! RELOG, But always nice to hear BAHAMAS!!

FM TUNER is SANGEAN HDT-1X, FM BEAM is APS-14, 14 Element Beam at 50 Feet. FM TOTALS now: 2258 Stations Logged. ROB VA3SW (Robert S. Ross, London, Ontario CANADA, GRID - EN92JW, WTFDA via DXLD) See also CUBA

** BANGLADESH. 27.07.2012, 4750, Radio Bangladesh Betar, 1530-1545. Reception Condition was 444 (Abid Hussain Sajid, Mailsi (PK), dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Was that the English bit? (gh, DXLD)

4750, Bangla Radio, 1708 27/7 with talks, mostly mentioning Bangladesh, S7 max 342x3 (Zacharias Liangas, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST) So on later, for Ramadan? (gh, DXLD)

** BELGIUM. QSL: OSU, Oostende Radio, 518, NAVTEX, no data map QSL card and letter in 255 days for English report via airmail and 1 IRC. V/s Walter Philipsen. Very nice sized card with history on the back. Station is actually OSU versus OST, which, according to the history on the card, ceased to be used after 1930. 73, (Al Muick, Williamsport PA USA, Aug 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BHUTAN. 6035.0, BBS (presumed), 1232, July 27. Two stations of equal strength mixing together; unable to differentiate which was BBS

and which was PBS Yunnan (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, Etûn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

During - possible dark zone path between Indian subcontinent and Europe heard at 0013 UT July 28 a strong BRUMM - BUZZ noise station on footprint 6034.993 kHz.

Few days before BBS heard on July 25/til 26 during our European evening with supposed to be full 100 kW power, discovered and reported by few hobbyists here on newsgroup. Lately BBS was on 6034.990 kHz some late in June til July 5th. Adjacent China station is always close to even 6035 kHz. 73 wolffy (Wolfgang B,schel, ibid.)

** BIAFRA [non]. via GERMANY. 11870, Radio Biafra, London, *2000-2100*, July 28, sign on with African music and opening ID announcements in English and vernacular. Vernacular talk. IDs. Occasional English. Fair at sign on, but deteriorated to a weak signal in noisy conditions by sign off. Thur, Sat only (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** BOLIVIA. Una buona caccia, risicata e sofferta in onda media, fruttuosa e con molte soddisfazioni in banda tropicale. Ecco quando ricevuto in questa prima met  di luglio:

3309.995, 17/07/2012 0010, R Mosoj Chaski, Chochabamba [sic]; commenti, notizie, menzione pi  volte di "Chochabamba" 24442

4716.693, 17/07/2012 2355, R Yura, Aillu Yura; px mx locale in S 24432

5952.485, 10/07/2012 0130, R Pio XII, Siglo Veinte; px musica locale, ID in S 23222

6134.860, 17/07/2012 0140, R Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz; px mx locale, ID in S55433 (Saverio De Cian, Sedico (BL) / Italy. Rx: JRC 535 + Perseus, Ant: K9AY, via Roberto Scaglione, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 4716.71, 2300-2310 25.07, R Yatun Ayllu, Yura, Yura, Spanish ann and Andean songs 25211 (Anker Petersen, here in Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 5580.28, 0000-0020 29.07, R San Jos , San Jos  de Chiquitos, Spanish hymn sung by man and choir without music alternating with another man preaching, 35333 -- the strongest ever I have heard this 250 watt transmitter! Best 73, (Anker Petersen, heard in Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 5952.45, 0050-0100 26.07, R Pio XII, Siglo XX, Spanish interview, 35333 (Anker Petersen, here in Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

5952.45, Radio Pio Doce - Llallagua, Siglo XX in Spanish 0021-0110, W local news with some correspondents talks (no much clear, mentioning Bolivia); at 0100 clear chorus jingle "...Pio Doce, Pio Doce... Pio Doce..." heard better in LSB with inter filter to null het & with NIR 12; fast QSB & strong statics crashes; poor; 07/25.

5952.45, Radio Pio Doce - Llallagua, Siglo XX, in Spanish & possible unID local language 2306-2320 M / W unclear talk; better in LSB with inter filter; fast QSB & strong statics crashes; from 2312 heard with Nir 12; poor; 07/28 (Giovanni Serra, Roma, Italy, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 6134.83, 0110-0130 26.07, R Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Spanish ann, romantic songs and four ID's, 35333 (Anker Petersen, here in Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

6134.9, August 1 at 0222, surprised to hear Spanish here, as it's after the usual sign-off of R. Santa Cruz; fair signal in the clear and no bonker or other QRM,. String of ads, for a doctor, PSAs for department of Santa Cruz mentioned; 0224 back to a Mexican music show hosted by YL --- LÚpez, with Los Tigres del Norte. Well, that compensates for the deadair on XEPPM! See MEXICO

Whatever became of the CP### callsigns for Bolivian broadcasters? WRTH dropped them years ago, but Bill Hepburn researches official documents to find them even if never mentioned:

http://www.dxinfocentre.com/Call_Signs.htm

He does not include any SW from Bolivia, but RSC's MW is 960, and the listed call for that is CP32; the SW one was probably different (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOUGAINVILLE. Bougainville Autonomous Region: 90's clandestine SW transmitter sites (approx):

Radio Free Bougainville - 3865 kHz

Radio Independence Bougainville - 3850 kHz

Radio Independent Mekamui ñ 3850 kHz

Location of the transmitter sites above were all at: House of the late Frances Ona at Panguna in his village above the Panguna Copper Mine

Radio Paru Paru - 3865 kHz (Paru Paru in central Bougainville about a day's walk from Panguna)

Above info sourced via enquiries I initiated with Sam Voron. I can't

locate the village of Paru Paru yet (Ian Baxter, NSW, July 28, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 4775.00, 2310-2320 25.07, R Congonhas, Congonhas, MG, Portuguese talk by two men, 24232, Heterodyne from weaker R Tarma (Anker Petersen, here in Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 4805.01, R·dio Difusora do Amazonas, Manaus in Portuguese 2243-2314, M talk; ballads; other M & W announcements (mostly unclear); 2256) well caught only R·dio Difusora & frequency quote not much clear, "...ondas tropicais"; strong statics crashes; QRM splats by China on 4800; poor/very poor; 07/16 (Giovanni Serra, Roma, Italy, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4805.02, 2320-2330 25.07, R Difusora do Amazonas, Manaus, AM, Portuguese conversation, 25222 (Anker Petersen, here in Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

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4805.008, 17/07/2012 0025, R Dif do Amazonas, Manaus; notizie, sport, annunci "A Voz do Brasil" 23432

4845.265, 15/07/2012 2258, R Cultura, Manaus; annunci, ID "R·dio Cultura" in P, segue inno 34232

4885.045, 14/07/2012 2300, R Clube do Par·, BelÈm; mx, slogan, pubblicit·, notizie e ID in P 34232

4894.945 17/07/2012 0025-B R Novo Tempo, Campo Grande; commenti in P, mx locale 24432

4905.034, 10/07/2012 0001, R Difusora do Amazonas, Manaus; parlato in P, mx locale, ID in P 24222

4914.990, 14/07/2012 0000, R Difusora, Macap·; px parlato in P, mx, slogan e ID "Radio Difusora" "Macap·" 23432

5970.020, 11/07/2012 0059, R Itatiaia, Belo Horizonte; annunci, notizie e ID in P23322

6080.060 11/07/2012 0055-B R Marumby, Curitiba; commenti in P, ID "A Voz do Brasil" 34333

6180.030, 17/07/2012 0055, R Nacional da Amazônia, Brasília; notizie, annunci e ID in P54433 (Saverio De Cian, Sedico (BL) / Italy. Rx: JRC 535 + Perseus, Ant: K9AY, via Roberto Scaglione, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 4845.24, R·dio Cultura Manaus in Portuguese, 2325-2353*, M & W talking (not much clear) with some mentioning R·dio Cultura & some brief music breaks at times; M ID as Radio Cultura at 2347 then sudden s/off at 2349; s/on about one minute later with strong het in LSB at same frequency, then s/off at 2353; first better heard in LSB to null CODAR, then a bit better heard with Nir 12; fast QSB & strong statics rustle crashes; poor; 07/16.

4845.24, R·dio Cultura Manaus in Portuguese, 2202-2305, M fast talking for soccer match live with brief jingles & match comments by other M at times (all mostly unclear); poor/almost fair; 07/21 (Giovanni Serra, Roma, Italy, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 4865.023, Modern pop music, Portuguese canzones noted at 1020 UT July 25, most probably, according to DBS list: R·dio Verdes Florestas, pertencente à Fundação Verde Floresta, Acre, Brasil. Notch filter set to 4862.4 kHz multi tone signal (Wolfgang B·schel, July 23/25, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 27 via DXLD) But there's another:

** BRAZIL. 4865, R. Alvorada, 0857 mention of Alvorada during M announcer. Another mention of Alvorada at 0900, then religious program with talk by M and mention of Cristiana. Third strongest ZY on the band behind 4885 and 4915. (29 July) (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D and Perseus SDR, T2FD antenna, HCDX via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 4885, R. Difusora Acreana, Rio Branco. S/on at 0800 with Portuguese ID and station details. Good clear reception on 30/6 (Allen-B). (Dennis Allen, Milperra NSW (Icom R75, Longwire), August Australian DX News via DXLD) Not sure what the -B means, as no such DX-pedition site in the credits (gh)

¶ Contemporary music followed by animated announcing in Portuguese 0850. Included chooks and laughing babies! 18/7 (Phil Ireland, Seal Rocks, NSW mid north coast with Alinco DXR8-T, JRC NRD-515, Random wire, G5RV, August Australian DX News via DXLD) chooks = chickens; babies = humans? (gh) But there's another:

4885.02, R·dio Clube do Par·, Belém in Portuguese 2306-2335; M fast talk for soccer match live (Gooooooooooooooooo !!) (no much clear); jingle ID as R·dio Clube! (at 2333) & continuing talk; brief ballad song & talk by M; heard in ssb with inter filter; strong statics crashes; poor; 07/22 (Giovanni Serra, Roma, Italy, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 4914.97, R·dio Difusora de Macap· in Portuguese, 0130-0146 some men chatting (no much clear, mentioning Macap·); strong statics crashes; poor; 07/25 (Giovanni Serra, Roma, Italy, DX LISTENING DIGEST) But there's another:

** BRAZIL. 4915.00, 2335-2345 25.07, R Daqui, Goi,nia, GO, Portuguese ID: "R·dio Daqui", hymns, 33333, fighting with R Dif., Macap·, AP, with a soccer match (Anker Petersen, here in Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 4965, RADIO ALVORADA. Parintins, Brasil. 0958-1010 julio 29. Anuncios comerciales. "...R·dio Alvorada, um caminho certo para quem quer vender mais..." mencionan p·gina web en

<http://www.alvoradaparintins.com.br> y promo del programa: `Amazonas da Gente`. Luego ID: "...transmite R·dio Alvorada de Parintins, ZYH 283, ondas m·dias freq·Íncia 1380 kHz 5 KW, ZYF275 ondas tropicais freq·Íncia 4965 kHz, R·dio Alvorada..." menciona Sistema Alvorada de ComunicaÁ,,o (Rafael Rodrĩguez R., Bogot· D.C. - COLOMBIA, Winradio G303i - Dipolo de 10 m. condiglist yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DXLD)

Reactivated? Missing from WRTH 2012. Spelling of name, also in the website corrected by gh from ``Paritins``. Beware, audio autolaunches from site. Was reported already in Feb 2012 in LA SW Logs, not updated since then (gh, DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 4985.01, R·dio Brasil Central (presumed), Goi,nia in Portuguese, 0121-0150 M mostly unclear talk with Brazilian intonation (mentioning S,,o Paulo) for soccer match live "Goooooooooooo.....oooooooooooooooool !! poor / very poor; 07/26 (Giovanni Serra, Roma, Italy, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 5940.08, Voz Mission·ria, Cambori`, 0831-0843 July 23, Portuguese; M announcer with ballads & talk; Santa Maria's; fair; // 9665 (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, NH, NRD-545, MLB-1, 200í Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. Did you know that R. Itatiaia, Belo Horizonte MG, has a beautiful QSL card at your disposition? All you have to do is DX it on 5970 and send a reception report (CÉlio Romais, Panorama DX via June Atividade DX print bulletin, translated by gh for WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. RB2, antiga Clube B2 de Curitiba. Desde que este novo grupo assumiu, a qualidade do sinal melhorou e passaram a transmitir com capacidade m·xima (50 Kw dia e 10 Kw noite), tanto que a partir das 16

horas ela j. È escutada no litoral norte do Rio Grande do Sul no inverno, o que n,,o ocorria h. uns 3 anos. [MW, WTFK?]

TambÈm se cogita o retorno nas Ondas Curtas em breve, creio que seria em 9725 kHz 31 m, j. que o TX 6040 de 49 metros, est. totalmente avariado, mas este seria o melhor para obrir as localidades mais distantes do Paran. a partir de 300 km onde ela n,,o chega de dia em AM e demais estados da regi,,o sul, sudeste e centro oeste (Edison Bocorny Jr., Novo Hamburgo- RS, radioescutas yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 6080.04, presumed Nova[s] de Paz, Curitiba, 0846-0900 July 23, Portuguese; M announcer with music & talk; weak & poor under band noise; not // 4915; presumed ID announcement at ToH until blown out by co-channel R. Daqui-Brazil at *0900, which was // 4915 (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, NH, NRD-545, MLB-1, 200i Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Same station, a.k.a.:

6080.05, 0100-0110 26.07, R Marumby, Curitiba, PR, Portuguese religious talk, Brazilian song, 35233 (Anker Petersen, here in Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD) Marumby is preferred by WRTH

** BRAZIL. 6120, Super R. Deus È Amor, Curitiba, 0904 July 23 Portuguese; Lively LA music with talk over at 0907; fair; // 6060-fair & // 9565-poor (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, NH, NRD-545, MLB-1, 200i Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 6180.00, 0120-0130 26.07, R Nacional da AmazÙnia, BrasÙlia, DF, Portuguese report from a soccer match, ID, promo and ID-jingle, 45444 (Anker Petersen, here in Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. BRASIL: 11765v, ZYE726, Radio Super Deus e Amor [sic]; 2110-2134+, 27-July; New Testament huxter with delivery sounding like he's on the verge of a breakdown; closed with a long "Brasil"; 2132 promo for program Voz do Liberacion [sic] & semi-ID as R·dio Deus -- no Super or Amor. All in Portuguese. SIO=222 in AM with transmitter hum? & chirpy QRM which LSB took out. SIO=242+ in LSB. Frequency drifted up/down a few 0.01 kHz, but settled at about 11764.98 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11915.09, R. Ga'cha. Talk by M and W in Portuguese at 0033 with mention of madrugada and Uruguay, presidente, Brasil. ID at 0039:40 ending segment, then fanfare and canned outro, promo, then M returned. 3+1 time ticks at 0045 during discussion with another M.

Ad/promo block at 0052-0056, then M again with mention of nacional, Brasil, S, o Paulo. 3+1 time ticks again over M at ToH and again at 0115. 0102 program promo "?? Nacional", then ad/promo block including one with M mooing like a cow. 0106:20 ID/promo and program intro. Nice ID/promo at 0116:50. Went off suddenly at 0119:55. Good signal but slop QRM from 11920 and fading after 0100. Clear after 0100. Last heard on 11 June, and rarely on. (29 July) (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D and Perseus SDR, T2FD antenna, HCDX via DXLD)

11915.091, noted at 1110 UT July 31 on CA remote SDR unit (Wolfgang B, schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL [and non]. 15190.158 ... wandered to x.163 kHz within few minutes. R, dio Inconfidencia in Portuguese logged at 0857 UT July 28. S=6 signal, despite hit heavily by Radio Tatarstan powerhouse signal from Samara Russia site next door 15195 kHz {0750/0810-0900 UT}, latter strong more than S=9+25dB into Germany target (Wolfgang B, schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 28, dxldyg via DXLD)

15190 at 0720 UT --- BRAZIL/EQUATORIAL GUINEA, Both het each other on very adjacent channel, Radio Africa-GNE English sermon on 15190 kHz even, and R Inconfidencia, Belo Horizonte, MG from Brazil on very odd 15190.204 kHz (Wolfgang B, schel, July 31, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 21284-USB, July 28 at 2012, PT7ZT, quick contest contacts in English with 3-digit serial numbers appended to RS readings, now surpassing 300. Chooses different common fonetix for ZT from one utterance to another, instead of being imaginative. SSOB, virtually the OSOB. Mostly working US stations, virtually inaudible, while PT7ZT has bigsig. No activity on 12 or 10 meters; but see UNID for 11m. And hardly anything on 13m SWBC either. RNB or any other ZY station could have been successfully broadcasting an external service to North America on 21 MHz.

Or maybe not, as we seem to have a pipeline just from Cear, as PT7ZT appears at QRZ.com:

Carlos MOrreira [sic]
Rua Pamela Loren, 59 - Mangabeira
61760-000 Eusebio CE
Brazil

Heard again at 2026, but sounds like a different op, who closes contacts with QRZ? unlike the first one, and has a stronger accent. Suspect it's really a club station, now up to contact #325. There is some ACI from other too-close hams like 21282. I have no idea what contest this is and no one ever mentions it, as that would occupy some seconds, wastefully driving down their ultimate scores, and nothing

else matters (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BULGARIA. R. Bulgaria, which recently stopped broadcasting on SW, resolved to innovate its internet portal. The station launched a virtual QSL card for those who listen on the web. For a listener to obtain the first card it is necessary to listen to the station during two months and send six reception reports, containing the date, details of program heard, comments and suggestions. It's a way for the station not to lose touch with old listeners on SW. Portal is <http://www.bnr.bg> (C  lio Romais, Panorama DX via June Atividade DX print bulletin, translated by gh for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. CBCNQ 9625 will close Nov. 1 --- CBC has resubmitted 5 applications for Northern Quebec, adding that "CKCX-SW" [9625] will close November 1st:
<https://services.crtc.gc.ca/pub/instances-proceedings/Default-Default.aspx?S=0&PA=B&PT=A&PST=A&Lang=eng>
(Andy Reid, Ont., July 31, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I don't see that mentioned anywhere on this page. Maybe inside zipped files among the top 5 listed? Zip says nothing is there (gh, DXLD)

Yes Glenn, the notice is in the zipped files:

2 In a separate application filed with the Commission on 16 July 2012, the Corporation requested that the Commission revoke the broadcasting licence for the radio programming undertaking CKCX-SW Sackville, NB effective November 1, 2012. Since CKCX-SW Sackville, NB provides programming to the Northern Qu  bec region; the new LPFM transmitters will ensure that these residents continue to receive CBC/Radio-Canada news and regional information programming.

3 The proposed rebroadcasting transmitters will be operated in accordance with the conditions of licence that are applicable to the Radio One network as set out in Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2000-1 and Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2001-532 (via Andy Reid, *ibid.*)

As of UT August 1 we are still hearing VOV, NHKWR and KBSWR relays via Sackville, but not VATICAN [q.v.] so those three plus CBCNQ are the only ones left (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. TVO Shut Down in 2013 --- From Upper Midwest Broadcasting (northpine.com) ONTARIO:

Last week's story about the CBC shutting down almost all of its transmitters missed the fact that TV Ontario is doing much the same. The provincial non-commercial network plans to shut down 114 analog

stations it never converted to digital by October 2013. Mid-power transmitters, including those in Kenora and Sault Ste. Marie, will be turned off at the end of July. TVO says the transmitters being silenced serve only about one percent of Ontario households. The network will have nine remaining digital transmitters, including one in Thunder Bay. (7/23/2012) (via Mike Bugaj, WTFDA via DXLD)

The only skip target is 6 North Bay - off Jul 31. The other mid-powers are VHF-hi & UHF. As far as the low powers (LPRTs) - most of these are flea-powered and will never be seen by DXers. I've had one (ch 49 Tobermory - 479 watts). The local communities have the option of taking over the equipment (unlike the CBC situation where there is no such option). (Bill Hepburn, Ont., *ibid.*)

** CANADA. Canada's Analog TV shutdown is hours away --- At midnight tonight July 31st, CBC will somehow shut down over 620 analog TV transmitters. As well [or because of this], TVO will close its 14 mid/high powered transmitters. TVO also promised to decommission the rest of its low power Northern Ontario transmitters over the next few years. TFO, an Ontario French language education network, will be closing 4 transmitters including 3 mid/high power units, tonight.

Interesting times for broadcasting in Canada. I just reviewed my tapes from last August when 'major markets' in Canada were made to close their analog stations. Blip; each when off the air without any warning at all. Who was out there watching that did not know what just happened?

The same scenario is going to take place tonight: CBC has done little to inform viewers what is about to happen. There have been interviews on local radio programs [check Ontario Morning July 16th]. On the English web site, there is a notice, but unless one refreshes the page, it does not show up. On the French site, I have only seen a notice once. TVO has been airing announcements. They promised to do that twice a day.

I am very excited from a DX standpoint and hope to catch the moment[s]. It is my understanding that TVO can remotely shut down each transmitter [I remember when they use to do this in the '90s using DTMF]. CBC? I don't know how they will manage to close all 620 transmitters tonight. Will they post something on screen to the effect that 'We are no longer here' until they get around to turning the power off to each? (Andy Reid, Ont., 2238 UT July 31, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

For Sudbury, Ontario, they will lose 4 stations tonight: TVO, TFO, R-C and CBC. It will be interesting to see how many notice (Andy Reid, 2307 UT July 31, *ibid.*)

I can confirm that CH. 8 in Middleton, NS as well as CH. 4 in Saint John, NB are now off the air. End of an era for CBC. For those still looking to chase TV DX, the CTV Network is still up and running on Ch. 10 from Canning, NS. No word on how long that will last. This part of Nova Scotia doesn't have the population density to warrant over-the-air DTV service, apparently (Jon Huneault, VE1FTL, Aylesford, NS, Canada, 1131 UT Aug 1, *ibid.*)

Well, right at midnight, a switch to SMPTE color bars for CBMT1-13 Trois-Rivières QC, the only station I can verify tonite. The end of an era. A lot of OTA viewers in Montréal are hoping this will improve or allow reception of WNVY-DT-13. I highly doubt it, the main problem being adjacent CFCF-DT-12. Anyway, that move from CBC is a darn shame. 73, (Charles Gauthier, Brossard, QC, Aug 1, WTFDA via DXLD)

There was a feature on Labrador Morning about this:
<http://www.cbc.ca/labradormorning/episodes/2012/07/30/cbc-shutting-down-analogue-tv-services/>

The main page for the CBC transition is:
<http://cbc.radio-canada.ca/en/explore/strategies/dtv/>
which includes links to some interesting coverage maps.

These discussions don't include is consideration of the people who watch CBC on the other side of the border that are now cut off completely. Americans can't see the material offered over the Internet due to copyright restrictions. CTV material is also shut off from American eyes. At the moment, you can't even see CTV's self-created news content due to Olympics blackouts. Up until yesterday, CBC Television was the only regularly viewable analog TV available to many American viewers (Karl Zuk, N2KZ, *ibid.*)

I think they under-estimate the problem adjacents cause. My most finicky Toronto stations are 19 TVO & 20 CBC. wrh (Bill Hepburn, Grimsby Ont., *ibid.*)

Was busy until 0030 [EDT] Aug 1 but then noted TVO 13 Huntsville ON completely off, no sign of 4 CBC North Bay ON (and a plain TP on CBC Huntsville ON 8. Those are my reliable CBC-TVO analog semi-locals here. Now gone. Sorry to see them go. 13 TVO was the only one I'd watch, outside of CBC news. The upshot is 4 is completely clear (Owen Sound Global barely registers unless there is tropo) for skip, should we get any again (Saul Chernos, Burnt River ON, *ibid.*)

I've had loads of discussion about this on digitalhome.ca - I don't know where they got the idea that digital adjacents are not a problem. In any case, some of them refuse to see the truth. When CFCF-DT-12

goes off the air, my reception of WVNY-DT-13 jumps instantly from 70 to 100%. Same thing with CKSH-DT-9 and CFTM-DT-10.

As far as getting WNVY-DT-13 in the Montreal area now that CBMT1-13 is gone from Trois-Rivières, they are all realising that CBMT1 had very little to do with the reception of the Burlington station. It doesn't change a thing for most of them. 73, (Charles Gauthier, Brossard, QC, *ibid.*)

The Morning After:

6 CTV Desoronto still on
11 CKWS Kingston still on
12 CHEX Peterborough still on
18 TVO gone
44 CBLFT gone
(Jim Renfrew, Holley NY, Aug 1, *ibid.*)

2 CIII Global Bancroft still on. Sure would be nice if that one went away (Rich McVicar, NY, *ibid.*)

It's nice to have at least one analog remaining, just so I know the antenna works! (Jim Renfrew, NY, *ibid.*) Agreed! (gh, Enid)

** CHINA. 4800, CNR 1, Geermu in Chinese, 2233-2257, W & M talk with brief external services with other Men & Women talk; heard in LSB to null RTTY; strong statics crashes; brief utes at times; almost fair; 07/22 (Giovanni Serra, Roma, Italy, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 6040, PBS Nei Menggu (Mongolian Service). After 1200 heard mixing with NBC Port Moresby on July 30. On July 31 NBC was off the air leaving PBS Nei Menggu in the clear after 1200; // 7270; usual indigenous chanting/singing (Ron Howard, Calif., Etûn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 9410, CNR-5 V. of Zhonghua, Beijing, 1008-1023 July 27, Chinese; M announcer with talk between music bits; presumed jingle ID at 1010; more talk & music bits; fair.

9420, CNR-6, V. of Shenzhou, Beijing, 1025-1051 July 27, Chinese; Nice, exotic music; M & W announcers with talk; pop-like music; fair

9820, Beibu Bay Radio, Nanning, 1025-1101 July 26, M announcer in listed Cantonese into English ballad; ID announcement & "B-B-R" at 1031; more local music & ballads with occasional talk & IDs; another ID announcement with "B-B-R" at 1100 into M announcer listed Vietnamese; booming signal at tune/in; beginning to fade under increasing noise by ToH (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, NH, NRD-545, MLB-1, 200i Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

** CHINA. 13680, jamming by CNR1 programming, 1033-1052, July 26. In Chinese; // 6125; against the A-12 schedule (IBB via Kuwait) of RFA in Tibetan from 1000 to 1100; in the past at different times had been a Firedrake (non-stop music jamming) frequency against SOH, so was rather surprised today for the first time to find a strong signal with CNR1 instead (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, Etûn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 15600, July 27 at 1326, Firedrake-like music until 1327* but really CRI Malaysian service via Kunming as scheduled from 1230 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

EAST JAMMERSTAN. No Crash and Bang Music Jammers found 12-20 MHz, 1724-1748, 2015-2046, 23-July (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 85 ft. RW and 180 ft. center-fed RW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. Firedrake July 26, before 1200:
11500, fair-good at 1157
16100, good at 1159; none in the 12s, 13s, 14s, 15s
16980, poor at 1159; none in the 17s

After 1200:
15435, fair at 1215, het on hi side

After 1300:
15495, fair at 1318, het on hi side, still at 1330
15560, good at 1331, het on lo side

Firedrake July 27, circa 1230:
11500, very poor at 1242 mixing with VOR producing fast SAH
12670, very good at 1230
12980, very good at 1230
13530, very good at 1230
13920, very good at 1231
14870, very good at 1233
14980, very good at 1232
15555, very good at 1235
16100, good at 1235
16980, poor at 1235; none in the 17s

Circa 1330:
15560, good at 1326; none higher
15500, good at 1328; none lower

Firedrake July 28 before 1300, started too late, heard only:
15970, fair with flutter at 1259-1300*

After 1300:

15485, good at 1302, modulation on and off and on, het on lo side
15560, good at 1300-1301+, but gone at 1308
15570, fair at 1308, ex-15560? But now with additional noise jamming

Before 1330; still no full 11-18 MHz bandscan performed:

15500, fair at 1323
15560, fair at 1323, ex-15570, ex-15560

Firedrake July 30 at 1347-1354: full scan 11-18 MHz found none at all.
Other hi latitude, E Asian signals were also missing or attenuated
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake, July 30 [not 31 as in original report] before 2000:

13780, poor at 1941 [see August 1 below]
9455, poor at 1941, matches 13780 but on one receiver can't be
positive they are synchro //. 13780 has RFA Chinese at 17-20 via
Tajikistan; 9455 is same at 17-21 via Saipan plus -22 via Tinian.
These dratted ChiCom jammers are useful propagation indicators, the
best/only things propagating from Asia on these bands at these hours.

Firedrake Logs from Steve Handler for 7-31-12

Hi Glenn, here are today's early Firedrake logs - Steve

14700 Fair-Good 1228 and 1232
15435 Fair-Good 1228
15490 Fair 1355
15555 Fair 1232
15560 Fair 1238
16100 Poor 1229 and 1232
16920 Fair 1229 and 1232
16980 Poor 1230 (Steve Handler, IL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake July 31:

Before 1300, late start, just heard:

15560, fair at 1259
16920, poor to 1300*

Before 1400, full scan 11-18 MHz 1349-1355 found only:

15490, fair with flutter, at 1349, het on lo side
15605, good with flutter, at 1359, het on lo side
Both of course vs. jumparound V. of Tibet via Tajikistan
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Steve Handler's Firedrake logs for early August 1, 2012:

11500 Poor 1224
11970 Fair 1124 and 1146
12230 Good 1124 and 1147

13130 Fair 1125 and 1147
14700 Fair with het 1148 and good with het at 1155
15435 Fair 1225
15970 Fair-poor 1129 and fair 1158
16100 Poor 1129 and fair 1158 and JBA 1226
16920 JBA 1129 and poor-JBA at 1158
16980 Fair-poor 1129 and good 1159 and JBA 16980
Good DX (Steve Handler, IL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake August 1, before 1400:

15490, good at 1358 with het on lo side; no more on 15500
15500, very poor at 1338 with additional noise jamming
15605, poor at 1358 with QRM from the WEWN 15615 squishy spur 9 kHz
below circa 15606
No others before 1400 in the 17s, 16s, 14s, 13s, 12s, 11s

13780, August 1 at 1906, CCCCCCI instead of Firedrake against RFA as
heard July 30; and 9455 not audible today. ? ChiCom Chinese language
Co-Channel Interference, no doubt CNR1. This was a quick check with
the DX-398 on the porch at 115 degrees F in the shade (Glenn Hauser,
OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. Flaming Goose Report --- Crash & Bang Chinese Opera Music
Jammer, a.k.a. Firedrake, a.k.a. Chinese Opera Music Jammer
From 2012 posted logs (various sources); during the UT hours noted.
All broadcasts originate from East Jammerstan. Transmissions will
typically change frequency and time often, as the jammer's target
moves.

* Not reported on this frequency during 2011.

5895* 17
6150* 10, 13
7365* 13
7525* 15
7595* 13
7605* 15
7610 15
7970 10
9200 02, 09, 12, 13
9315 14
9355 17, 19
9450 14
9460* 10
9455 17, 19
9725 16
9905 16, 17, 19
9930* 14

9935* 14
9970* 10, 11, 12
9980* 14
11500 00, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 22, 23
11545 12
11790 18
11870 15
11945 18, 19
11970* 08, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22
11980 11, 14
12005* 15
12130* 14
12230 00, 02, 03, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
12300 00, 02, 10, 12, 13, 14
12320* 11, 12
12370* 11
12500 12, 13, 14
12600 00, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
12650* 12
12670 12, 13, 14
12800* 12
12970* 12
12980 00, 11, 12, 13, 14, 23
13100 12
13130 02, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
13155* 10
13430* 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
13665* 08
13670* 12, 18
13675* 15
13680 12, 13, 14, 23
13780* 17
13795 12, 13
13830 12, 13
13850 00, 02, 05, 08, 12, 13, 14, 23
13880* 08, 13
13920 00, 02, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 22, 23
13935* 12
13960 13
13970 02, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 22
13980 12
14003* 10
14400 02, 03, 04, 08, 12, 22, 23
14600* 00, 10, 11, 12, 13
14700 00, 03, 08, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 22, 23
14800 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
14870* 11, 12, 13, 14
14950 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 23

14970 00, 12, 13, 14, 23
14980* 12
15265 03
15290* 13
15295* 13
15375* 13
15390* 13
15395* 13
15425* 13
15435 12
15440 12
15445 12, 13, 14
15450* 12, 13
15455 13
15485* 12, 13
15490* 13
15495 13
15500* 12, 13
15505* 13
15535 13
15540 13
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15555 12, 13
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15590* 13
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15600* 13, 14
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15610* 12, 13, 14
15615* 13, 14
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15750 13
15755* 13
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15765* 12
15775 13
15780 12
15785 13
15795 13
15800 00, 09, 11, 14
15870* 01, 11, 12, 13, 14
15900 00, 02, 04, 05, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 23
15940* 00, 03, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

15970 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
15980* 03, 04, 12, 13
16100 00, 03, 04, 05, 10, 11, 12, 13, 22, 23
16120 02
16200* 12
16700 00, 02, 05, 11, 12, 13
16920* 00, 07, 11, 12, 13, 14
16980 00, 02, 03, 04, 11, 12, 13, 23
17100 05, 11, 12, 13, 14
17170 04, 11, 12, 13, 14
17250* 03, 04, 11, 12, 13, 14
17370* 12
17450 04, 05, 06, 11, 12, 13, 14
17560 14
17565* 14
17570 14
17730 02
18200 13

--Updated 28-July-12 (Harold Frodge, MI, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. Reports from Tony Magon in Guangzhou --- Hi Glenn, Finally arrived in Guangzhou at about 1.15 am early Monday morning from Beijing.

A bandscan in Guangzhou shows that yesterday and this morning that 927 kHz must be testing the transmitter as it has been running a 1000 Hz tone all day yesterday and all through the night, and it is still running as at 9.30 am local time. [0130 UT]

Signal is very strong compared to some of the other local stations so I suspect a new transmitter or antenna system or location.

Will be here in Guangzhou until Sunday morning. Met up with Yang BA7JA last night who is very involved in the local ham contest station B7P, and will be meeting Dan VR2HF this afternoon who is coming up from HongKong on business. Dan runs the GlobalTuners receiver in HongKong. Regards (Tony Magon, July 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, I had a listen on 927 kHz at 6.30 am local time when I got up this morning, and there was no sign of the test tone, only a very weak signal from Pearl River Radio // to 1062. It is now 8.56 am local and the transmitter is back on with the 1000 Hz tone.

[Later:] Hi Glenn, I checked 603 kHz earlier this morning at 9.21 am local or 0121 UT, but nothing. Now at 10.21 am or 0221 UT I am hearing a local station in Guangzhou on 603 kHz in Cantonese. I presume it signed on at 10.00 am local or 0200 UT. Will check again tomorrow for

correct sign on time and try and get the sign off time. The Pacific Asian Log advises that there is a station in Guangzhou running 24 hours. Regards (Tony VK2IC, August 1, Guangzhou, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. AT 49, CHINA'S TAMIL RADIO STATION PLANS AN EXPANSION --- Ananth Krishnana Website: <http://tamil.cri.cn/>
<http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/article3700333.ece>

CRI Tamil - with a network of listeners' clubs in T.N. - in talks with Chennai's FM stations for launch of a daily two-hour broadcast

The state-run China Radio International's Tamil radio station, the most popular of its more than 60 international channels, marked its 49th anniversary here on Sunday announcing plans to expand its presence in India by launching broadcasts on local FM radio stations.

CRI Tamil, which broadcasts on shortwave in Tamil Nadu where it has an extensive network of listeners' clubs run by 25,000 registered listeners, is in talks with FM radio stations in Chennai to launch a daily two-hour broadcast, Zhao Jiang, CRI Tamil's director, told The Hindu.

CRI Tamil launched an FM broadcast on Colombo's FM 102 station in 2010, a move that has enabled it to expand its listeners' base in Sri Lanka this past year. The channel now broadcasts for four hours in Sri Lanka every day, at 1.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Quiet celebration

CRI Tamil held a quiet celebration to mark its anniversary here on Sunday, inviting members of Beijing's Tamil community, mostly from Tamil Nadu and Sri Lanka. The channel has a grander plan to mark its 50th anniversary this year, and will invite listeners from India to visit China. CRI, one of Beijing's four main state-run media outlets along with the Xinhua news agency, China Central Television (CCTV) and the English-language China Daily newspaper, is now at the centre of an \$8 billion expansion, part of China's plans to boost its soft power overseas.

At CRI's 70th anniversary celebrations last year, the channel was called upon by the Communist Party's propaganda chief and Polit Bureau member Li Changchun to create favourable international opinions about China and constantly boost its soft power. As China's only world service radio station, he said CRI would be developed into a world first-rate broadcaster with increasing global influence.

Founded in 1941

CRI was founded in 1941, before the People's Republic was established, at the Communist revolutionary base in Yanan. It broadcasts in 61 languages today, with 3,000 hours of daily programming.

Much of the soft power expansion drive of the four main state-run media outlets has been directed, so far, at the West with Xinhua's opening of a new office at Times Square in New York and the launch of a 24-hour English news-channel to emulate the success of Al Jazeera have made global headlines.

CCTV's English channel has opened a U.S. office and has begun to broadcast exclusive programming tailored for American audiences, while China Daily has launched editions across Europe, where it is available for free in many cities.

Prominence in Asia

CRI is playing a prominent role in Asia, where its broadcasts have enjoyed wide following for decades, particularly in South and Southeast Asia. CRI Tamil has listeners in Tamil Nadu, the rest of India, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Malaysia and also in Europe and the United States.

Last year, CRI's Urdu channel launched FM broadcasts in Pakistan, shortly after CRI Tamil's FM debut in Sri Lanka.

The Tamil station, launched in 1963, is widely popular for its programmes on Chinese culture and language. Its content generally refrains from engaging with overtly political issues, and devotes much of its attention to the arts.

Staff growth

The station has grown over the past 49 years. Starting with a small seven-member part-time Chinese staff, it functions today with 19 full-time Chinese staff all fluent in Tamil and mostly graduates of the Communications University of China, which initiated a Tamil programme primarily to cater to CRI's needs. The station also employs two Indian staff.

Speaking in fluent Tamil, the station's director, Ms. Zhao, who prefers to go by the name Kalaimagal, said the station received 5,00,000 letters from its fans in India and elsewhere every year more than any other CRI station and accounting for one-sixth of all correspondence received by the 61 channels. She said the channel was interested in launching FM broadcasts in India to reach out better to its listeners.

The channel is currently available on shortwave, broadcasting every day at 7.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m., and also broadcasts online through its website (The Hindu July 30 via @yimbergaviria, DXLD)

** COLOMBIA. 5909.943, 11/07/2012 0100, Alcarav·n Radio, Puerto Lleras; px musica locale, annunci e ID "Alcarav·n" 22322 (Saverio De Cian, Sedico (BL) / Italy. Rx: JRC 535 + Perseus, Ant: K9AY, via Roberto Scaglione, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

5909.95, 0040-0050 26.07, Alcarav·n R, Lomalinda, Spanish ann, "Fernando" sung by ABBA, then a cumbia, 35343 (Anker Petersen, here in Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

5910-, July 28 at 1104, HJDH has gone from ordinary music to a vocal/choral Colombian NA, 1106 IDs from Alcarav·n Radio on 1530 and 6010 also mentioned, but didn't hear any 5910; weakening, probably about to fade out. Gaisma.com doesn't deal with Puerto Lleras, nor is it in the first atlas I pick up from my pile. WRTH map shows it RSD in the middle of Colombia, SE of Bogot· on the way to San JosÈ del Guaviare. The latter is in Gaisma.com with a sunrise today of 1050 UT, 3 minutes later at the capital; at only about 3 degrees north, HJDH SR varies only about 16 minutes during the entire year (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5910, Alcarav·n Radio, Puerto Lleras, 0502-0530, 29-07, male, ID: "Esta es la hora en 1530, las 12 de la noche y 6 minutos", "Alcarav·n Radio, 1530 AM y 5910 kHz, onda corta, desde Colombia, Alcarav·n Radio", Latin American songs, "Alcarav·n Radio, m'sica con acordeÛn". 34433 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 10 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CONGO. QSL received in this week: Radio Congo 6115 kHz, QSL card, 4 months, address from WRTH 2012. 73, (Dieter Wiso(?), Germany, July 17, HCDX not posted until July 29, via DXLD)

** COSTA RICA. 5954.312, 11/07/2012 0100, R Rep'blica, Gu·piles; mx, notizie e commenti, inno e ID "Esta es Radio Rep'blica" 24322 (Saverio De Cian, Sedico (BL) / Italy. Rx: JRC 535 + Perseus, Ant: K9AY, via Roberto Scaglione, bclnews.it yg via DXLD) Presumably the 'inno' was the Cuban national anthem (gh, DXLD)

** COSTA RICA. Hi, Group, I'm wondering if I have local noise that is interfering with Radio Exterior de Espa0a on 17850 kHz at 1948 (UT) or if they have a dodgy signal. Anyone listening? Cheers, (Thomas Witherspoon, Swannanoa, NC, July 26, HCDX via DXLD)

I was not listening today, but have you seen my several reports lately

about how 'dodgy' this transmitter has frequently been, distortion on fundamental and spurs over most of the 16m band and beyond? Were you hearing those? 73, (Glenn Hauser, *ibid.*)

Yes, Glenn, I think you're correct. I turned on my SDR and could better see the noise. Literally spurs overwhelming stations immediately above them. The signal they produced today would have had amazing fidelity had it not been for the faulty transmitter. Thanks for your reply. Cheers & 73, (Thomas Witherspoon, *ibid.*)

Hi, Glenn, This is exactly what's happening. I looked on the spectrum display of my SDR and found that the spurs were happening on the upper sideband and above, yesterday. Today, it appears they are (primarily) on the lower sideband and below of 17850.

I'm going to search for their technical contact email address. This needs to be taken care of very soon. Pretty nasty pollution for neighboring stations. Makes a mess of the otherwise strong REE signal as well. Cheers & 73, (Thomas Witherspoon, July 27 <http://swling.com/blog> *ibid.*)

[and non]. 17850, July 28 at 1859 check, REE relay is splattering only about 12 kHz plus/minus! So today BBC 17795 is sufficiently audible QRM-free. BTW, on Saturdays and Sundays, 17850 stays on well past 2000, so we have both that and TDP DRM GUF on 17870-17875-17880 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 1040, Radio Mayabeque, Gines, Mayabeque. 0352 July 29, 2012. Checking to see if Radio Victoria may still be here (confirmed still on 1050 per my log the night before). A big signal with male and female newscast and sound effects between items, male canned ID 0400:42, Mayabeque theme 0401:20, another ID, into current Cuban ballads. About equal level to WHB0, Pinellas Park (just south of my QTH) with ESPN Radio. No trace of Spanish WQBA, Miami, or Radio Victoria, for that matter. Site per EcuRed, or could be my often-listed La Salud (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, FL, JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Sony ICF-7600GR; Sangean PR-D5; Aqua Guide 705 RDF Marine Radio; GE Superadio III; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X room random wire; Terk Advantage non-active portable loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [and non]. 1050, Radio Victoria, Victoria de las Tunas, Las Tunas. 0206 July 28, 2012. Big signal with a couple of mentions of Bayamo, initially making us think it was Radio Bayamo on a new channel. But after a couple of traditional Cuban vocals, several Radio Victoria IDs, and an Apartado address and a URL. First Victoria log for me in a very long time. [TK-DC]

1159.00, CUBA, unidentified. 0045 July 29, 2012. A new one, the newest

of the carrier-only (see also 1121.00 kHz) or barely-audio stations (see 671.00, which I ID'ed as Rebelde). This one discovered by David Crawford and Paul Zecchino mid-day while David and I were at Paul's Manasota Key QTH. DF bearings has it coming from Artemisa or near. Logged here in Clearwater upon returning home, just a carrier but a big signal. [TK-DC] [WORLD OF RADIO 1628]

1160, ILLINOIS, WYLL, Chicago. 0100 July 29, 2012. Tentatively the one, me having to use USB to avoid the new 1159.00 kHz Cuban het. Tune-in to SRN Radio News till 0102, brief Urban gospel vocal segment or filler and into Christian talk.

1260, CUBA, Radio Enciclopedia, unknown site. 0111 July 28, 2012. The longtime otherwise undocumented one (I show my first log way back in 2000) bubbling up a couple of times with EZL instrumentals, female announcer, parallel 530. WSUA, Miami (Spanish, "Radio Caracol"), Progreso, one US talk format (The Rusty Humphries Show) suspect WFTW, Ft. Walton Beach, FL, and also WYDE, Birmingham heard here the next night. Also, an unidentified Oldies station occasionally in the mix. Busy channel. [TK-DC]

1260, CUBA, Radio Progreso, Media Luna, Granma. 0233 July 28, 2012. Occasionally fading up over all the others on the channel with traditional Cuban vocals. We kept checking for parallels until finally confirming Progreso, parallel 640. First time for me here ñ I think ñ but we note Paul V Zecchino had this in 2009, and site per the EcuRed list (Terry L Krueger, JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Sony ICF-7600GR; Sangean PR-D5; Aqua Guide 705 RDF Marine Radio; GE Superadio III; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X room random wire; Terk Advantage non-active portable loop, jointly logged at the Clearwater FL QTH with visiting David Crawford, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 1620, Radio Rebelde. 2334 July 24, 2012. A very sweet program titled iHecho en Cubaî hosted (at least today) by a female and sporadically a male, Tom's something. But <http://www.radiorebelde.cu/programas/> doesn't appear to show this program airing at this time, this Tuesday, even as a repeat. Maybe no surprise; look near the bottom of the above URL at all the now-imaginary shortwave frequencies they think they are on, save for correct 5025. The iHechoî program is modern Cuban vocals, but not hip-hop junk, just good pop and mostly ballads. Great show. Program ended seconds before 0000, into sports round-up with two announcers and steel pan sound effects near the opening. They like to sometimes say ibaseballî instead of ibÊisbolî when talking about the game. You can iLikeî Rebelde on Facebook now per the above URL, bottom of page. Yuck (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, FL, JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Sony ICF-7600GR; Sangean PR-D5; Aqua Guide 705 RDF Marine Radio; GE Superadio III; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X room random wire; Terk

Advantage non-active portable loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Impresionante el centro internacional de Onda Corta Mario Muñoz en el centenario del natalicio de este héroe del Moncada. Una representación de trabajadores de Radio Habana Cuba y trabajadores de RadioCuba estuvieron presente en un emotivo acto en este centro transmisor ubicado en el municipio Bejucal en la provincia Mayabeque. Felicidades a los trabajadores de la División RadioCuba Mayabeque por mantener este centro llevando la voz de Cuba al Mundo (Roicel Borroto González: Cuba, Miércoles, 18 Julio 2012, RHC correspondence page <http://www.radiohc.cu/de-interes/correspondencia.html> via DXLD) Did we know it was named thus? (gh, DXLD)

** CUBA. 6010, July 26 at 0501, RHC has started up the 05-07 English frequency, except it's still in Spanish, with a musical show 'Por los campos de Cuba', which would certainly be preferred over the propaganda in English; Spanish is supposed to stop at 0500 on all frequencies. Meanwhile, 6050, very weak 6060, and 6125 are all in English. By 0503 recheck, 6010 is too.

Around 1200 UT, Pres. Raúl is speaking on all frequencies including 11760, 1219 wrapping up as having been a live 'cadena nacional' hookup with local/provincial network in Guantánamo, for 'Día de la Rebelión Nacional' festivities.

Which reminds me, I am overdue to exclaim once again my rebellious parody lema, 'Cuba --- 'ltimo territorio esclavo en América; Patria o Suerte, 'Pensaremos!' --- last uttered for May Day, more than a year after the previous time in April 2011, and before that for July 26 of 2010. I continue to await photographic evidence that someone has scrawled it as a graffito anywhere dentroCuba.

17750, Radio Habana Cuba; 2209, 26-July; M in Spanish with bits about historic persons such as José Martí, Fidel Castro, Simón Bolívar, Evita Perón and Harry Truman! ID at 2211. S20; // 17705, S9 and not the slightest hint of imperialistic jamming on either (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 85 ft. RW and 180 ft. center-fed RW, logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 11775, July 27 at 1245, DGS ANGUILLA is marred by at least two lite pulse jammers, when there should be none, far beyond the R. Martí usage of this frequency.

17580, July 29 at 1410, no RHC, tho inbooming on 17730. Like 17730, 17580 is supposed to be on at 11-15, but usually missing on Sundays inexplicably; perhaps a remnant of the long-gone 'ALU, Presidente' relays of Venezuela which required transmitter, frequency shuffling.

15340, August 1 at 1316, RHC with heavy CCI from HCJB Australia south Asian music, still at 1354 check. Another major failure of RHC frequency manager Prof. Arnaldo de Jes's Coro Antich, C02KK, since there are plenty of open frequencies on 19m (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 90.9, CMAH, Radio Bahã, Bahã Honda, July/24/12, 1035 EDT, English [sic], GOOD. Male/Female Announcers in SPANISH with Many Mentions of CUBANA. Very Solemn Sounding Announcers. Very Low Entertainment Value!! In/Out till 1050 EDT. NEW STN, 2512 Watts. 73 ROB VA3SW (Robert S. Ross, London, Ontario CANADA, GRID - EN92JW, WTFDA via DXLD) See also BAHAMAS

** CUBA [non]. 1260, FLORIDA, (CLANDESTINE), Radio Martì (via WSUA), Miami. 0200 July 28, 2012. We forgot what time the Radio Martì rebroadcasts begins (not parallel live 6030 shortwave): not at 0100 check, but up after the WSUA ID at 0200 with Radio Martì sounders, ID, news items. Fair-good on peaks over a multitude of other stations on 1260, though WSUA dominates. Classified as an open brokered clandestine in my books (Terry L Krueger, JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Sony ICF-7600GR; Sangean PR-D5; Aqua Guide 705 RDF Marine Radio; GE Superadio III; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X room random wire; Terk Advantage non-active portable loop, jointly logged at the Clearwater FL QTH with visiting David Crawford, WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DIEGO GARCIA. 4319 USB, 0035-0045 26.07, AFRTS feeder, English talk, pop song 32332 CWQRM - not // Saddlebunch Keys, FL (Anker Petersen, here in Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** DJIBOUTI. 4780, Radio Djibouti in Arabic, 2056- 2111. M talk; local chants; M talk; W brief talk mentioning Radio Djibouti; M brief announcements with some local music pauses; same M reading news (mentioning Alqaida, BBC, Iran, Ramadan) till 2108; music pauses & W brief announcement; other M talk; music pause; W talk mentioning Djibouti; heard in SSB with fast QSB & strong statics crashes; almost fair; 07/21 (Giovanni Serra, Roma, Italy, WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Extension service of the Ramadan: Djibouti on 4780 kHz on the air past 2100 UT. I can't confirm s/off for the sunrise (S. Hasegawa, Japan, July 27, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EAST TURKISTAN [and non]. 65.75 CCTV, Karamay, East Turkestan (Xinjiang) (video buzz only) 1045 UT 26/7, my first definite log of this since 2009 and before that 2004. John Faulkner phoned me this morning to warn me that the OIRT FM band was open to St Petersburg and the Baltic states; it took about 20 minutes for conditions to reach

this side of the Pennines. Belarus, Lithuania (yes they're still on!) & Pskov were reaching reasonable levels. Towards the end of the opening I was monitoring some unknown TV audio on 65.75 when a video buzz came up very strongly but short lived. It was even detectable on the alinco DJ-X2000 scanner & 1.5m whip at the peak. I've had a few "close calls" on 65.75 this year and Julian Hardstone in Stockport had it a few months back but this is the first time I've definitely had it since 2009, IIRC. All the best (Tim Bucknall, Congleton, UK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Tim, Very good, but just wondering how it is definite if you had only the video buzz. You don't mention a precise frequency either. Is it the only video thing on 65.75 anywhere? 73, (Glenn to Tim, ibid.)

Hi Glenn, that's about the size of it, FMlist isn't showing any more txs with zero offset on 65.75 (power is 62.5 kW, BTW). Feel free to call it presumed. No ultra precise measurement this time; once I knew the nominal offset, I started working the phones to warn everyone (but it was 30 Hz low in 2009) (Tim Bucknall, ibid.)

** ECUADOR. 4781.62, 2340-2350 25.07, R Oriental, Tena (presumed), Spanish talk, 24211, Heterodyne from UNID carrier on 4783.3 (Anker Petersen, here in Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DXLD)

4781.5, RADIO ORIENTAL. Tena, Ecuador. *2301-0003* julio 26. Comentarios y noticias locales, anuncios de Fiscalia de Tena, Ministerio de Transporte. "por Oriental AM y FM..." promo programa 'El Napo habla'. "...la radio al servicio de todos...Oriental en sus frecuencias 1100 y 4780 kHz llegan a donde otros medios no alcanzan, Oriental, la emisora comercial m-s popular de la Amazonia ecuatoriana..." Parece tener un horario de 1100-1200 y 2300-0000 de lunes a viernes, no notada los fines de semana (Rafael Rodríguez R., Bogot- D.C. - COLOMBIA, Winradio G303i - Dipolo de 10 m. condiglist yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DXLD)

** EGYPT. Frequency changes of Radio Cairo from July 19:
1800-1900 NF 9805 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg to WeEu Italian, ex 6270
1900-2000 NF 11560 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg to WeEu German, ex 6270
2000-2115 NF 11560 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg to WeEu French, ex 6270
2115-2245 NF 11890 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg to WeEu English, ex 6270
2300-0030 NF 9965 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg to NEAm English, ex 6270
0030-0430 NF 9965 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg to NEAm Arabic, ex 6270
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria, 01 August via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DXLD)

9965 {ex 6270 kHz} Radio Cairo in Arabic/English registered on HFCC A-12 table at 2300-0430 UT - 2300-0030 En, 0030-0430 Ar, but missing on

AOKI frequency list. From Abis site 200 kW 325 degrees towards North American zones 8 & 9. S=9+10dB here in Germany logged on Aug 1st at 0410 UT (Wolfgang B, schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 1, dxldyg via DXLD)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 5005, Radio Nacional Bata, 1852-1915 non stop Afropop songs; W brief unclear talk at 1911 & continuing afropop; first better in USB to null some voices splats at times in LSB; from 1858 better in LSB to null RTTY at times in USB; fast QSB & strong statics crash; poor; 07/27 (Giovanni Serra, Roma, Italy, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 15190, Radio Africa, Bata, 1548-1555. Female evangelist with fundamentalist religious talk in English. Very weak signal with minimal fading. Quick check at 1931 found a more excited female evangelist. Signal had improved to good. 7/25/2012 (Jim Evans, Germantown TN, RX-340, IC-R75, Perseus, Eavesdropper Dipole, Random Wire (90')), NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

[and non]. 15190 seems to have dried up. Radio Africa & IRRS not heard in a few weeks, and Radio Philipinas (a relatively rare catch anyway) not heard either. R-dio Inconfidência, Brasil remains strong toward sunset on 15191v. The new Colombian, Salem Estéreo also seems to have disappeared on 14950v. BUT --- keep trying, and report! (Harold Frodge, MI, ed., MARE Tipsheet 27 July via DXLD)

15190, July 27 at 1921, Amerenglish gospel huxter, not Tony Alamo, so R. Africa is back after missing a while; a bit stronger at 1941, but gone at next check around 2020. Seems they never stay on past 2200 like they used to. Harold Frodge, MI in the MARE Tipsheet July 27 observed that this had not been heard in a few weeks, ``15190 seems to have dried up``; but it's moist again. Not heard at 0508 check July 28 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15190, Radio Africa, 1757-1900+, July 28, US produced English religious programming with gospel music and religious talk. Gone at 1958 check. Fair signal. Mostly good audio. Irregular (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

15190, July 28 at 1950, R. Africa is active again for the second evening with gospel huxter in English (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15190, Radio Africa, *0545-0640, 29-07, female, English, religious comments, songs. 34433 (Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 10 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15190, Radio Africa, 0555 July 29, English, choir, preacher, 0606

closing announcements including website, too weak to understand. Poor (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening lakeside from my car with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15190, R. Africa. Signal on at 0532:30, and program by Hope International Services already on when it was brought up about 30 seconds later. Deadair at 0454 [must mean 0554?] between programs, then startup of next program. Finally a complete station ID by M over simple percussion music at 0608:40:

"You are listening to R. Africa. Thank you for listening to R. Africa's inspirational programming. We are excited to share with you that you can contact ministries via e-mail at radioafrica@myway.com. Just address your e-mails to the particular ministry, send it to radioafrica@myway.com. The stations look forward to your e-mails to the ministries. You may also write to the ministries at the addressed announced during the program ?? post office box. Radio East Africa, P.O. Box 698, 60400 Chuka Neru South, Kenya. That's Radio East Africa, P.O. Box 698, the zip code is 90400, the city of Chuka Neru (spelled out) South, in Kenya. Our ministries are very excited to share their messages of hope and inspirational to you. At the same time it is important to let them know you are listening to their program. Thank you for listening to the Radio Africa network".

Yes, the first number in their zip code was given as both 6 and 9. Found Chuka on Google Earth but not Chuka Neru. Nothing found doing a Google search of the announced address either. Fady signal but good most of the time. Glad to get a full ID again. (29 July) (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D and Perseus SDR, T2FD antenna, HCDX via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DXLD)

15190, Radio Africa. 1900 July 29, 2012. Clear but extremely low audio with English preacher (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, FL, JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Sony ICF-7600GR; Sangean PR-D5; Aqua Guide 705 RDF Marine Radio; GE Superadio III; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X room random wire; Terk Advantage non-active portable loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15190, July 30 at 1938, R. Africa on again with YL gospel huxter, poor (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15190 at 0720 UT --- BRAZIL/EQUATORIAL GUINEA, Both het each other on very adjacent channel, Radio Africa-GNE English sermon on 15190 kHz even, and R Inconfidência, Belo Horizonte, MG from Brazil on very odd 15190.204 kHz (Wolfgang B, schel, July 31, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Strong English huxtress on 15190.0 at 2001. Missed the beginning as I

was hoping to catch unraptured Harold droning in 15195. Went off abruptly @2003+ (Harold Frodge, MI, Aug 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA. 7175, V. of Broad Masses of Eritrea. Signal suddenly on with IS and opening Arabic ID routine already in progress at 0257:24. Really nice clear signal. (21 July)

7210, V. of the Broad Masses of Eritrea, OC on early at 0245:21, and IS/ID routine at 0257:36. This service not as good a signal as 7175. Went off the air for a second a couple times. Deadair for a minute and a half at 0300. (21 July)

7200 V. of the Broad Masses of Eritrea. Found on this frequency signing on at 0328:20 with usual guitar IS mixed with ID announcements. Severe AM QRM from ham in Detroit MI. 0300 M with opening announcements with several mentions of "kilohertz". Brief music bridge and W with presumed news at 0300. Sudan [q.v.] came on at 0301:14 overtop of everyone. Could still hear children singing a bit at 0306. The news intro music was heard at 0330, same as heard on 7190, but they weren't //. (23 July)

7190, V. of the Broad Masses of Eritrea. Suddenly on at 0306:21 with local music and vocal by M. Nice signal with some ham QRM. 0329 W announcer with possible ID and mention of meterband, then familiar instrumental news intro music and W with presumed news in Arabic to 0337 when it ended with the same instrumental music. (23 July) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D and Perseus SDR, T2FD antenna, HCDX via DXLD)

** ERITREA [non]. 9558.4, CLANDESTINE (Eritrea), Voice of Peace and Democracy of Eritrea via Ethiopia, *0358-0431*, Jul 23, instrumental music opening to Horn of Africa music followed by a man announcer in presumed Tigrinya language with opening. News followed by brief music; program mainly of talks with short musical breaks. Off with flute music as part of close. Poor to fair but heavy splatter from Voice of Vietnam-Sackville in Vietnamese on 9555 with *0430 opening (Rich D'Angelo, Wyomissing PA 19610, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B, Eton E1, Eton E5, Alpha Delta DX Sloper, RF Systems Mini-Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** ERITREA [and non]. ERITREA/ETHIOPIA, Asmara-ERI noted VOBME-1 S=7 7205.045 at 0440 UT, Also VOBME-2nd program on 7179.990 covered by ETHIOPIAN White Noise digital jamming. ETH as usual in 31 mb on 9705.002 and \\ wandered up and down on 9558.544 ... x.566 kHz, at 0415-0425 UT Aug 1 (Wolfgang B.schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 1, dxldyg via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA. Radio Oromiya, 6030 kHz, 0349 UT. Escuchada muy fuerte en

Montevideo, sobremodulando a Radio Marti que se escucha en background.
<http://youtu.be/BPd-HNL8kC8>

ID can be heard at 12:42 in the video. 73! desde Montevideo (Rodolfo Tizzi, Uruguay, July 26, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. 7234.2, Radio Ethiopia, Gedja. 1600-1800 in English & French // 9588.3 [presumably means 9558.3 --- gh]. The 3rd // till 6/7 was 7200 and from 9/7, 9705. It seems no broadcasts in EE & FF on weekends. The other services in Somali, Afar, Arabic and 3 different movements called V of Democratic, etc. also are on the air as is in WRTH 2011 [sic] (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF2001D, Folded Marconi Ant 16 meters long), August Australian DX News via DXLD)

7234.2v, V. of Peace and Democracy (via R. Ethiopia). Big signal on at 0342:40. Funky instrumental HoA music start at 0357:37. Another song, then M in local lang. with echo opening ID announcement with mention of Eritrea ("Air-a-try). Different M then with possible mention of meterband. 0402 brief drums, then more talk. Getting QRM from DW 7240 the entire time, but listening in LSB eliminated the QRM. Signal started out on 7234.063 drifting up to 7234.239 at 0400, 7234.312 at 0415, and 7234.400 at 0434:27 s/off. So it drifted up 337 Hz in the 52 minutes it was on the air. (23 July) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D and Perseus SDR, T2FD antenna, HCDX via DXLD)

** EUROPE. PIRATE, 6305, R. TRX, 0038 decent signal with oldies including "Rock Around the Clock" at 0043 and "Hounddog" at 0048, "The Great Pretender" at 0058. Couldn't copy any ID but R. Powerline International said it was TRX. Went downhill after the start. Fady and very noisy. (22 July) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D and Perseus SDR, T2FD antenna, HCDX via DXLD)

** FIJI. Paul Thwaites in Fiji to escape the dreadful winter. Reports that at the moment on the coral coast he can only hear 558 Suva on the MW Band and also Radio Australia are back on 106.6 FM!

Geoffrey Wright (my brother) not, he reports that the transmitter on 684 is very poor and yes 558 on air. Geoff may head back in August to Fiji to work for Air Pacific yet again! (John Wright, July, August Australian DX News via DXLD)

Nought was heard of Fiji on any of its frequencies much to our displeasure. Why Fiji, once easily audible at sign on in the mornings is now hard to hear is a matter of speculation. It has been heard on 1152 by myself from home at around 0800 UT albeit using a phased flag array, but it is certainly not the easy catch it once was (John Schache, The Great Seal Rocks DxPedition and Blokes Weekend Away 2012, mid-July, 150 km N of Newcastle NSW, August Australian DX News via DXLD)

Previous reports we had said 558 is the *only* MW frequency still on air from Fiji (gh, DXLD)

** FIJI [non]. Domo i Viti (Fiji Democracy) 11565 kHz, Lunedì 23 luglio 2012, 0847 - 11565 kHz (2), DOMO I VITI (FIJI DEMOCRACY) - Koror (Palau). Parlato OMs e canzoni melodiche locali nel dialetto di Fiji. Segnale insufficiente-sufficiente. Solo il lunedì (Luca Botto Fiora, QTH G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

Luca, As I have tried to explain again and again in DXLD and my reports, the site for this is WHRI in South Carolina, NOT Palau. The original info about Palau resulted from a misunderstanding at WRN and should never have been given. All the antennas at Palau are aimed at Asia, and WHRI happened to have one already aimed right at Suva. 73, (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

11565, captada Fiji Democracy & Freedom Movement Radio con una señal SINPO 55555 a 55544 +40dB!!! a las 0835 UT, 23 julio 2012, en lengua Fiji, comentarios al parecer políticos, es una emisora clandestina. Nota, es una emisión semanal. Audio de la escucha de Fiji Democracy and Freedom movement radio 11565 khz a las 0835-0900 July 23 2012, Signal received here in Mexico:
<http://www.esnips.com/displayimage.php?pid=34160183>
73's from (Magdiel Cruz, XE-SWL-24-01, Mexico, playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DXLD

Not surprising such strong reception, sending from South Carolina right across Mexico toward Fiji (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11565, Monday July 30 at 0857 I happen to awaken, so check out the weekly FD&FM clandestine broadcast via WHRI from 0830: poor signal with flutter in presumed Fijian talk, 0859 a bit of music to 0900* cut off with no ID or WHR IS. MUF doesn't usually support good reception here, since first heard well almost two months ago; maybe it does to Fiji, as RA 11945 was sufficient (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FINLAND. SWR ON AIR 3-4 AUG FROM FDXA SUMMER MEETING

Scandinavian Weekend Radio (SWR) transmitting from Virrat, Finland will be on the air from the Finnish DX Association (FDXA) Summer Meeting in Vuosaari, on the coast near Helsinki, from 2100 UT Friday 3rd August to 2100 UT Saturday 4th August.

Their 25mb antenna was added to their tower again at the beginning of

July so they are now scheduled on 11690 alternating with 11720 again (as well as 5980 alternating with 6170). Also locally on 1602 kHz and 104.2 MHz. Hour by Hour Frequency and programme schedule is at:

<http://www.swradio.net/schedule.htm>

(Alan Pennington, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

** FRANCE. 6140, 0920-1000* Sunday 22.07, R Gloria International, via Issoudun, English ann, ID and songs, 35343 (Anker Petersen, here in Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** FRANCE [non]. BOTSWANA/SOUTH AFRICA, 7340. Terrible program mix on this channel around 0425-0431 UT. The custom on Meyerton South Africa site to put not even the carrier for warm-up procedure early, but also RFI French program content from satellite feed on air, result in a terrible program mixture of BOTH here in Europe. There are a lot of 41 mb channels free at this time. At 0425 UT heard VOA Kinyarwanda program from Botswana, but also RFI French service from Meyerton South Africa.

Yankee Doodle concluded VOA program around 0429:50 UT, and at 0430:31 UT only RFI Swahili identification and schedule announcement heard.

(Wolfgang B, schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 1, dxldyg via DXLD)

** FRENCH POLYNESIA [and non]. 12576, FOHXM, Sailmail Association, Manihi Atoll, received QSL and thank-you card, in 300 days. V/s Sally Lindsay Honey (Director), 39270 Paseo Padre Parkway #850, Fremont CA 94538 USA (Ivan Dias da Silva, Coluna QSL, June Atitivade DX, translated by gh for WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DXLD)

What's this? Top Google goes to <http://qrg.globaltuners.com/?q=FOHXM>

Frequency	Mode	Location	Callsign	User/Details
1.919	MHz	Manihi Atoll, French Polynesia	FOHXM	SailMail
2.2065	MHz	Manihi Atoll, French Polynesia	FOHXM	SailMail
6.2224	MHz	Manihi Atoll, French Polynesia	FOHXM	SailMail
8.2894	MHz	Manihi Atoll, French Polynesia	FOHXM	SailMail
12.576	MHz	Manihi Atoll, French Polynesia	FOHXM	SailMail
16.7855	MHz	Manihi Atoll, French Polynesia	FOHXM	SailMail

(reformatted by gh for DX LISTENING DIGEST) Yes, 5-letter callsign

Click on SailMail and you get two more pages of frequencies from such stations all over the world, many inside USA. Its own website with all the details is here: <http://www.sailmail.com> which starts:

``The SailMail Association is a non-profit association of yacht owners that operates and maintains an email communications system for use by

its members. SailMail email can be transferred via SailMail's own world-wide network of SSB-Pactor radio stations, or via satellite (Iridium, Inmarsat, Globalstar, Thuraya) or any other method of internet access (cellular networks, WiFi). The SailMail system implements an efficient email transfer protocol that is optimized for use over communications systems that have limited bandwidth and high latency. Satellite communications systems and SSB-Pactor terrestrial radio communications systems both have these characteristics. The SailMail email system's custom protocol substantially reduces the number of link-turn-arounds and implements compression, virus filtering, spam filtering, and attachment filtering. The combination of the protocol, compression, and filtering dramatically improves communications efficiency.

The SailMail Association also maintains its own world-wide network of SSB-Pactor private coast stations in the Maritime Mobile Radio Service. Email that is sent to a SailMail member's email address can be seamlessly retrieved via SSB radio, via satellite, or via any other access to the internet.

Many budget-conscious SailMail members primarily use SailMail's network of SSB private coast stations to enjoy the most cost-effective email communications worldwide. Other than the membership fee to join the SailMail Association and the initial hardware cost of a SSB and Pactor modem, there is no cost per message for use of the SailMail radio network.'' (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GABON. 9580 Africa #1; 2216-2233+, 24-July; Long Afro tunes to ID at BoH into French discussion. SI0=322 in AM with strong hiss QRM; USB takes most of it out to SI0=2+33 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 85 ft. RW and 180 ft. center-fed RW, logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9580, Radio Reveil Paroles ñ Moyabi (Presumed), 2305, in French. Alternating male and female announcers with many references to Jesus. Fair. 7/28/12 (Mark Taylor, Madison WI, WinRadio g313e, Grundig G1 & G5, Satellit 800; EWE, Flex antenna, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

Gabon is not in HFCC at all. That was Saturday, and Aoki shows on Saturdays only, the all-day ANO broadcast has unnamed 15 minutes tacked on at 2300-2315 in French, 250 kW, 350 degrees. EiBi shows different days:

9580 2300-2315 Th,Fr SUI Radio Reveil Paroles F Af /GAB

I don't find anything about it in 2012 WRTH under Gabon or Switzerland; in any event, it's a program, not a station, full-name, Radio R veil Paroles de Vie = Awakening, Words of Life. Website

<http://www.paroles.ch> specializes in podcasts; don't see anything about broadcasts even under Emissions. Formerly used some other SW sites such as J,lich. Related Radio RÈveil site leads to local affiliates:

<http://radioreveil.ch/images/stories/PDF/Diffuseurs-v2.pdf>
which includes Africa No. One, but only on FM frequencies in various cities, no times and nothing about SW (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It is listed as extended transmission under ANO in the summer schedules

http://wrth.com/files/WRTH2012IntRadioSuppl2_A12Schedules.pdf
on page 12. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) As Saturday & Sunday, so we have a variety of info on the real days (gh, DXLD)

** GERMANY. 810, 3955, 3995, 6005 kHz --- Welle 370 on "700 RADIO"
Koenigswusterhausen, Germany.

As previously announced two weeks ago, "Welle 370" is not only from Saturday to hear local transmission on 810 kHz in Koenigs Wusterhausen, but also on our frequencies of Radio 700, like two years ago. There will be a daily 15 minute summary; here is the schedule for the period from Sunday to Sunday.

Schedule "Welle 370" to RADIO 700

From Sunday 05 August 2012 to Sunday inclusive, 12 August 2012.

0340 to 0355 UT 3955 kHz
(the first time on Monday, 06 August 2012, repeating the previous day)
1015 to 1030 UT 6005 kHz
1640 to 1655 UT 6005 kHz
1940 to 1955 UT 3995 kHz

The start times are approximate and depend on the total length of the program. Reception Reports please contact:

"Friends of Sender Koenigs Wusterhausen e.V."

Welle 370

Senderhaus 1, Funkerberg 20

15711 Koenigs Wusterhausen

Germany

Or by mail: <verein @ funkerberg.de>

The project website: <<http://welle370.funkerberg.de/>>

Have fun and bonne reception :) (Christian Milling-D,
<christian.milling @ funkhaus-euskirchen.de> radio.700 wwdxc BC-DX

TopNews Aug 1) (via Wolfgang B, schel, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DXLD)

** GERMANY. 3955 = RADIO 700, new QRG, daily 24 hours except the BBC and KBS Timeslots from UK
3995 = Radio HCJB and other religious programs, daily 24 hours
(Christian Milling, Funkhaus-Euskirchen, July 30, WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. New schedule of Deutsches Radio 700 in German from Aug 1:
0800-1700 on 3955 KLL 001 kW / non-dir to CeEu, ex 2200-1900 on same
2300-0400 on 3955 KLL 001 kW / non-dir to CeEu, ex 2200-1900 on same
But according to <http://shortwaveservice.com> new schedule is 0600-2000
& 2130-0400i between transmissions 0400-0600 BBC DRM & 2000-2130 KBS
World German/English

New transmissions of Radio Marabu on Sep. 1/2:
1100-1800 on 6085 KLL 001 kW / non-dir to CeEu Sat/Sun
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria, 01 August via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DXLD)

** GERMANY. Iceman Radio on 6045 kHz 0900-1000 UT. --- Observed on
6045 kHz at 0900-1000 UT, good reception via Global Tuners rx in
Italy. Didn't announce until 6 minutes into the programme, identifying
in English and Dutch. This is supposedly on every 4th Sunday of the
month, but this is the fifth Sunday and XVRB was here this time last
week (David Kernick, July 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. 7265, Hambuerger Lokal Radio, 0540-0610, 28-07, program in
Spanish, songs and comments and at 0600 program in English. 34433
(Manuel M endez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable
antenna, 10 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Hope it held up
that well until 0700 for WORLD OF RADIO at 0630 Saturdays (gh, DXLD)

7264.97, Hamburger Lokalradio, G hren. 0500 July 28, 2012. Tentatively
the 1 kW one based on following up on the information supplied by
Thomas V lkner, Germany, July 20, World Of Radio 1627 DX Listening
Digest), as well as David Crawford's log (also on 7264.97) before this
information was received, with David's log from the previous GMT
Saturday and confirmed by Hamburger in an email to him.

Nothing here up through 0448 check, but recheck seconds after 0500,
definitely Spanish (Latin American) all-female vocals, nonstop   maybe
even the same artist   until German male announcer 0514-0518, then
back to seemingly the same female Spanish vocals. Then at 0532, female
then male announcers trading off and back to salsa/merengue-ish vocals
with lots of trumpets and brass from 0535, and a familiar, very
popular oldie Spanish song at 0541 (Cuban I think) the title which
escapes me, as sung by a female vocalist. Female announcer from 0554,

eventually joined by man, into fill music 0558, continued past 0600. I briefly left the radio room at 0608 when the signal was now very weak, and at 0615 return, no trace, having probably faded or maybe gone off.

Signal overall was not bad until slow fade after 0545. No LSB component present (just a carrier), at least for me, but USB audio was fine. I sent an email to redaktion@hamburger-lokalradio.de inquiring if this matched what they were currently airing for what it's worth and hoping for a reply. Interestingly, my details matched almost exactly ñ even to the start/end timing of the music and talk ñ with David's log from the previous week. So, was this a replay? (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, FL, JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Sony ICF-7600GR; Sangean PR-D5; Aqua Guide 705 RDF Marine Radio; GE Superadio III; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X room random wire; Terk Advantage non-active portable loop, WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY [non]. 29.07.2012, 15190, Radio Santec (Germany), 1500-1530. (Only Sunday) Reception Condition was 444 (Abid Hussain Sajid, Mailsi (Pakistan), dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Originates in Germany, a.k.a. 'Cosmic Wave' but has been via IRRS ``Milano``, i.e. ROMANIA. I was thinking this had been cancelled along with Brother Scare on same at 1300-1500 daily, but still in HFCC as thru 281012, as well as the Friday only 1500-1515, all of which are registered as Arabic instead of only the Friday one. In fact, Aoki has deleted all of them except:
``15190 IRRS Arab Women's [sic] Today 1500-15156. Arabic 300 140 Tiganeshti ROU 02606E 4442N AWT a12`` (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear Glenn, Hi, Thanks for details. But I listened this radio station last three Sunday. First Sunday, I listened only 15 minutes, but now last Sunday, I listened 30 minutes. I know this radio station broadcasting via IRRS. But Postal address announce Germany and Reception Report address announcement Italy (Abid Hussain Sajid, Mailsi, Pakistan, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn Dear, Today, 31.07.2012. I have received Radio Santec QSL Card and Letter. It is attach with, open and see (Abid Hussain Sajid, with attachments, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Tnx, rather blurry copies, but I don't see any mention of transmitter site. Do SANTEC even know it's Romania? Or is it? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** GERMANY EAST. Very important news - Radio Berlin International back on shortwave! This is amazing! For more info please visit to swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria, 01 August via DXLD) Viz.:

RBI back, on shortwave?? Not quite on SW, yet? but webcast. Here is the blog entry referenced in DX Re Mix News --- is this for real? The audio link has a 60-minute program in German, starting with IS, sign-on saying on the air from 00 to 24 hours, national anthem --- We await comments from BR Germans about what this is all about; nostalgia for the ancien regime?

O, English starts at 8 minutes into it; against ``domination of neo-liberalism, discussion about communism restarting ñ a systemic alternative to capitalism`` (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Radio Berlin International back on shortwave

Dear SWLDXBulgaria, We would like our former listeners clubs to recover, because the East German state and its people's property has been resolved, but not its people.

A few words about us:

RBI Radio Berlin International was founded in 1959 as an international voice of the workers 'and peasants' government of the German Democratic Republic. On 10.02.1990 there was 24-hour long broadcast. After several years of preparations, are former employees of RBI Radio Berlin International in July 2012 24-hour test started broadcasting programs which can be heard worldwide at:

<http://login.streamplus.de//player.php?spt=18177.m3u>

RBI Radio Berlin International operates several Internet information channels to all age groups and former listeners clubs make to our attention. Visit:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/RadioBerlinInternat>
<http://www.facebook.com/RBIradioberlininternational>
<http://twitter.com/RBIRadioBerlin>

Since our official start in July 2012 we have over 140,000 listeners. We receive letters, positive feedback and suggestions for program content.

We are currently preparing our future web site on the Internet domain: <http://www.rbi-radio-berlin-international.de> before, but which is in process of being established.

We are currently 16 staff members in the Berlin area, who are from the areas of technology, presentation, media and economic policy. We are

financed privately and at the beginning of our work.

The plan is a multi-lingual 24-hour full program in digital and analog form of short-to medium-transfer, long wave and the Internet.

Please let us know what proposals, suggestions and questions from you to us. We would love to incorporate your wishes into our concepts and plans to implement these steps in subsequent years.

Yours sincerely,

Bruno Barth

Editorial Board

RBI Radio Berlin International

D-13585 Berlin

Posted by BalkanDX at 10:52 AM July 31 (via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DXLD)

There are a lot of photos on their Facebook page and videos on their YouTube channel. Most of the photos are on this blog; the ones in the July 24 entry have many that presumably are of the station itself and its transmitter site.

<http://rbi-radio-berlin-inter.blogspot.co.uk/>

There was a Radio Berlin International blog in 2008 with lots of interesting items in it, still online though some links now unavailable.

<http://radioberlininternational.blog.co.uk/>

(Mike Barraclough, England, Aug 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE. 15630, July 27 at 1945, ERT is ignoring the Olympix! Just usual Greek music, and even at 2026 the slightly over-worn 'Zorba the Greek' theme, while the opening ceremony is underway. O well, it's not in Athens this time. Maybe they couldn't afford the rights.

15650, August 1 at 1356, nice to hear the ERA IS and ``Edho Athinai`` IDs, on very poor signal as the curtailed daily transmission is about to start (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUAM. 15215, July 26 at 1322, nice S Asian film(?) music reminiscent of the long lamented R. Sohl, but it's really KSDA in Bengali, occasionally overridden by brief Bronx-cheer ute blapps following three quick tones very near this frequency, intruder! 1327 AWR sign-off with contact info in Bangladesh to 1329* (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUAM. Some changes of AWR KSDA, 100 kW, from July 24:

1100-1130 on 15540 / 255 deg SEAs Indonesian, ex TRM

1130-1200 on 15540 / 255 deg SEAs Javanese Mo/We/Fr, ex TRM

1130-1200 on 15540 / 255 deg SEAs Sundanese Su/Tu/Th/Sa,x TRM

1200-1300 NF 9720 / 300 deg EaAs Chinese, ex 15490 TRM
 1300-1330 NF 11750 / 270 deg SEAs Khmer, ex 17635 TRM
 1330-1400 NF 11750 / 270 deg SEAs Khmer Sun, ex 17635 TRM
 1330-1400 NF 11880 / 270 deg SEAs Thai Mo-We/Fr, ex 17635 TRM
 1330-1400 NF 11880 / 270 deg SEAs Lao Thu/Sat
 1400-1500 on 12105 / 315 deg EaAs Chinese, ex TRM
 1500-1530 on 15715 / 285 deg SEAs Karen, ex TRM
 1530-1600 NF 15330 / 285 deg SoAs Marathi, ex 7410 TRM
 1600-1630 on 11835 / 300 deg SoAs Urdu, ex TRM
 1630-1700 on 11740 / 300 deg SoAs English, ex TRM
 2100-2200 on 11750 / 315 deg EaAs Chinese Mon-Sat, ex TRM
 2100-2200 on 11750 / 315 deg EaAs Cantonese Sun, ex TRM
 2200-2230 NF 11850 / 255 deg SEAs Javanese Su/Tu/Th, ex 9545 TRM
 2200-2230 NF 11850 / 255 deg SEAs Sundanese Mo/We/Fr/Sa, ex 9545 TRM
 (DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria, 01 August via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DXLD)

So the Guamanian antenna work for this year was completed by July 24,
 and temp relays via SRI LANKA ended then instead of June 30; resuming
 in January? (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DXLD)

** GUAM. KTWR Guam sent this schedule for English transmissions along
 with a QSL card for my report: To S. E. Asia 0820-0900 Sunday to
 Friday 15170, to South Pacific 0930-1010 Monday to Saturday 11840.
 (Reg Howard, Norfolk, DX News, Aug World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

The South Pacific broadcast has been changed, ex 0830-0910. The 1500-
 1525 Monday, Thursday, Friday, 1500-1535 Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday,
 Sunday broadcast on 15200 is still registered in the July 31 HFCC file
 (Mike Barraclough, ed. Ibid.)

** GUATEMALA. 4055, TGAV, Radio Verdad (presumed); 0416-0432+, 25-
 July; Spanish religious program with old-style hymns and organ
 accompaniment and organ solos. Organ music very reminiscent of old
 radio programs. No BoH break. SIO=352 with mucho QRN (Harold Frodge,
 Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 85 ft. RW and 180 ft. center-fed RW,
 logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4055, Radio Verdad, Chiquimula, 0515-0606*, 29-07, male with religious
 comments in English, religious songs, identification at 0557:
 "Estaci n Evang lica Radio Verdad, onda corta 4055 kHz banda de 75
 metros, Chiquimula, Guatemala, Centro Am rica", anthem. 15321 (Manuel
 M endez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna,
 10 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4055, RADIO VERDAD, Chiquimula, *0920-0940 julio 29. Aperturando
 transmissi n con se al sonora e Himno de Guatemala. "... Transmite la
 estaci n educativa evang lica Radio Verdad en 4.055 MHz banda 65
 metros onda corta SW 1..." luego la misma identificaci n e invitaci n

a reportar en varios idiomas (ingl  s, italiano, portugu  s). A las 0929 con mensaje de saludo del diexista Daniel Bustos Aravena, productor del programa Sinton  a Internacional con un poema de su autoria (Rafael Rodr  guez R., Bogot   D.C. - COLOMBIA, Winradio G303i - Dipolo de 10 m. condiglist yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DXLD)

They used to sign on much *later* on Sundays well after sunrise, and this is the earliest sign-on reported yet, 3:20 am local (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DXLD)

4050.0 R. Verdad (Presumed) at 0100 with S7 levels. Back to back talks by OM in Spanish. Static crashes wiped out TOH ID. 07/30 (Chuck Rippel, Chesapeake, VA, WinRadio G-33, Perseus, R390A, Ant: Slopers @ 80', Cumbre DX via DXLD)

If really 4050 that would be a sudden change from usual 4055. Or 4050 could be 3 x 1350 something else. No, at 0157 July 30 it's still on 4055:

[and non]. 4055, July 30 at 0157 quick check, TGAV is here with music; someone had just reported it on 4050, must have been a mistake. While I was at it, punched 14950: still no comeback from Colombia (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUIANA FRENCH. 17870-17875-17880, August 1 at 1904, very strong DRM noise going here an hour earlier than usual (TDP The Disco Palace at 20-21), presumed same site, but with what? Is there any mention of this on the DRM fora or official schedules? Of course not! I asked Ludo Maes about it, but no reply. Will it continue?

So now the complete 1930-2030 BBC Hausa 17885 Ascension transmission has QRDRM. BTW, TDP never got around to replacing in HFCC A-12 17755 with 17875 for the 20-21 transmission, as it changed in April once we told them RHC had occupied 17750. The 19 broadcast could well be an unpublicized DRM demo for some promotional meeting. Jeff White says it might be for Brasil (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Did not recur the next day; could have been a mere tuneup for the upcoming 2000 broadcast --- can't be done unobtrusively like an AM open carrier --- it's all or nothing with DRM, full noise level even if no modulation contained (gh)

** GUYANA. Caros amigos, Seguem os dados das escutas em ondas tropicais processadas nos  ltimos dias:

3290, 27/05 [sic] 0807, Voice of Guyana, Sparendam, om citando a grade de programa  o da emissora 35443. J   as emissoras Voice of Guyana e Radio Apintie foram captadas com uma qualidade muito acima da

mÉdia. Alguns dos áudios das escutas estarão disponíveis em breve em meu blog.

Equipamento utilizado:

Receptor Quicksilver QS1R

Antena Beverage 100 metros

PrÉ-amplificador Clifton Laboratories Z10046A

Local das escutas: GuareÍ/SP

73 (Ivan Dias Jr. - Sorocaba/SP, Aug 1, <http://ivandias.wordpress.com/radioiescutas-yg-via-DXLD>) ``in the last few days`` so must have meant date to be July instead of May (gh, DXLD)

Estava preocupado com a Rádio Voice of Guyana 3290. Ano passado, ápace de boas escutas aqui em Goi,nia em OT, eu ouvia essa Rádio todos os dias a partir das 20:00 hs (BrasÍlia) [2300 UT]. Esse ano, até ontem, nada de 3290 por aqui. Já ia mesmo perguntar a alguém da lista sobre a mesma. Deve ser a propagaÁ,ão de inverno mesmo. Fecha pra uns, abre para outros. Com as recentes escutas do Ivan, sanou minhas d'vidas. Em contra-partida, estou ouvindo muito bem a Rádio Djbouti 4780khs quase todas as tardes no Gray Line. ParabÉns Ivan pelas escutas, sou vidrado em OT (CÁssio Santos - Goi,nia-Goi,s, ibid.)

Pelo que li recentemente no boletim "DX Window", a Voice of Guyana estava de fato fora do ar nos últimos dias. 73 (Ivan Dias Jr. - Sorocaba/SP, ibid.)

** INDIA. AIR Kolkata antenna tales --- A recent visit to AIR Kolkata transmitters answered a lot of our queries on recent disruption of services. Here is the first of the two articles
<http://www.idxci.in/air-kolkata-antenna-woes/#more-101>
(Supratik Sanatani, Kolkata, India, July 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Report of our visit to AIR Kolkata heritage transmitters at Chandi and Amtala is up at <http://www.idxci.in> Please note that the uploaded photos are of RIZ Transmitter Co. We could not decide if our own photos taken from distance clashed with the security stipulations of Indian Telegraph Act of 1885, which unfortunately, is still in force (Supratik Sanatani, Kolkata, India, ibid.)

** INDIA. Subcontinent DX: At 1330 UT 1st August 2012

Beautiful signal from AIR Kohima 4850 kHz since 1100 UT,
fair signal from AIR Imphal 4775 kHz
4970 kHz AIR Shilong again producing strong HUM
[later: no hum on 4970 kHz - it was a local oscillator in my QTH from another circuit :(]

faint signal from AIR Port Blair 4760 kHz
4990 kHz AIR Itanagar not available now (Partha Sarathi Goswami,
Siliguri, W.B., India, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Did the huge blackout in India affect SW transmitters and/or improve
local noise level for battery-powered DXing? (gh, DXLD)

I am from Siliguri city of Darjeeling in Eastern India, as we have
several hydro electric projects close by, lower Duars and Bhutan
Himalaya, these area always have enough and sells electricity to
Southern & Western Grid, but as the Northern grid collapsed they were
pulling much power from East, Northeast and Western Grid, and so North
Eastern Grid also failed subsequently, even though our city faced only
a 5+ hours of Day time power cut yesterday. Since I was in city QTH it
was day time, the near by new gen digital inverters with low load
(fans only) didn't helped much.

But indeed BDG MW stations were started fading in earlier than other-
days. Today no longer power cut happened here, but 60 meter band
conditions were good. Here in Dooars and near Bhutan and many isolated
places in West Bengal we still have some nice low noise places, thanks
to the under development of villages & remote areas.

So in gist I was unable to enjoy it from my city QTH. If I was in
village QTH (just 7 km far) it would have been nicer but what fun in
Day time power loss? Although few Indian DXers have exemplary
capability to catch Longwave in complete daylight path, I don't have
such extraordinary capability yet! (Partha Sarathi Goswami, Siliguri,
W.B., India, ibid.)

Some footprints measured on Australia remote unit around 1400-1425 UT
August 1st.

4759.997 probably Port Blair, and little stronger 4760.009 at 1410 UT,
Leh is mostly upper frequency.

4775 even frequency, at 1405 UT.

Nothing heard on 4850 kHz channel.

4910.002 probably AIR Jaipur at 1415 UT.

4970.006 kHz at 1400 UT.

5010.005 UNID at 1425 UT.

vy73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Wolfy, AIR Kohima suddenly went off the air today at 1348* (Ron
Howard, California, USA, Aug 1, ibid.)

4850, AIR Kohima, 1242-1348*, August 1. As Partha Sarathi Goswami and
Wolfy have already reported, today had very good subcontinent
reception. Kohima unheard yesterday perhaps the result of India's

massive power outage. Heard in vernacular, English and Hindi.
Highlights:

1242-1300: Program of repetitive indigenous singing.

1302: This is All India Radio Kohima ID followed by today's and tomorrow's schedule in English.

1304-1315: Nice subcontinent songs.

1315-1340: Monologue and chatting in vernacular.

1340: Start of the news in assume Hindi.

1348*: Suddenly off. An early ending, cutting short their normal programming of news in Hindi from 1340 to 1350 and news in English from 1350 to 1400. Very pleasant to again have readable reception of this station located in the capital of India's north eastern border state of Nagaland, which shares its borders with Myanmar/Burma.

Edited MP3 audio at

<https://www.box.com/s/f875eead3c5c95f9047b>

(Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. Nowadays AIR Chennai is announcing always along with their identification that it is their 75th anniversary. AIR Madras as it was known then, started officially on 16 June 1938. An article written by me about visit to AIR Chennai some years back can be found under India in

<http://www.worldofradio.com/dxld4084.txt>

The FM scene at Chennai has drastically changed since then. However for MW & SW there are not much changes except that new DRM transmitters coming up there in future. Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, India, Mobile: +91 94416 96043 <http://www.qsl.net/vu2jos> Aug 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 5010, AIR Thiruvananthapuram in local language 0051-0115 (no other // frequencies on 60 mt band), local M sing-song chant; W & M talk with many brief local music breaks; heard in SSB with fast QSB (S. 9+20 of peak); moderate statics; some brief strong RTTY at times till 0059, from 0107 again strong RTTY in USB, so heard better in LSB with inter filter; fair; 07/26 (Giovanni Serra, Roma, Italy, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also CHINA [and non]

** INDIA. AIR External Service on 9690 at 1330-1500 in English via Bengaluru missing for many days now. Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, July 31, dx_india yg via

WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DXLD)

I was wondering, altho prop has been poor for weeks; VBS 9870 barely audible. Other GOS frequencies at 1330 are 11620 and 13695 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11715, All India Radio; 2211, 24-July; English commentary re Pakistan to GOS of AIR ID at 2214. SI0=253-, identical sig to // 11670 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 85 ft. RW and 180 ft. center-fed RW, logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 4749.95, RRI Makassar. Doing very well since reactivation; heard daily with almost identical format; noted July 25 from 1010 to 1101 with less than normal QRN. MP3 audio <https://www.box.com/s/045c45e7cf76423ca4d4> with nice ID at 01:15 (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Extension service of the Ramadan: RRI-Makassar on 4750 kHz s/off at 1600v UT(normal) and s/on at 1800v (S. Hasegawa, Japan, July 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RRI-Palangka Raya on 3325 kHz s/off at 1700v UT(normal) and s/on at 2000v (S. Hasegawa, Japan, 2043 UT July 28, ibid.)

3325, RRI Palangkaraya 1158, July 27. In Bahasa Indonesia; the iR-R-I Palangkarayaî station song; brief Love Ambon; into the relay of the Jakarta news, followed by the national song iBagimu Negeriî; 1224 R-R-I jingle and series of local IDs with frequencies. Jakarta news relay and song // 9680 (RRI Jakarta), but not // RRI Makassar (4749.95). RRI Wamena (4869.96) continues to be silent (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 9526.004, Voice of Indonesia, 1115-1120 July 26, Very, very weak with a female in comments. Language unidentified since the signal is so weak. Overall everything is threshold here (Chuck Bolland, Clewiston FL, 26N 081W, Excalibur, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Nor any better here. I can't measure it directly to three decimal places, but it's easy to tell which side of 9526 it is on, and so far it has always been slightly on the lo side. Must check again (Glenn Hauser, OK, YB-400, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9526, July 28 before and after 1300, no carrier at all detectable from VOI, tho 9680 had the usual pileup of RRI, RTI and ChiCom jamming. I had seen a report that VOI was 4 Hz *above* 9526 on July 26 and wanted to check that out; altho I can't measure it that precisely, it's easy

to tell which side of 9526 it's on once the YB-400 BFO is zeroed with WWV, then observing the pitches stepping 1 kHz up and down; and so far I have always heard it very slightly on the lo side. But appears to be off the air today, and Atsunori Ishida agrees, not heard since 1500 UT July 26, and was also absent on July 25. See what I can make out of a non-log? Well, something missing from where it's supposed to be is not insignificant (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. NASA ASTRONAUT SPINS DISCS FROM SPACE**
Southgate July 29, 2012

NASA astronaut Joe Acaba will host a two-hour special radio broadcast on the Internet radio station Third Rock Radio while aboard the International Space Station, 306 kilometres above Earth. "The Joe Show: New Rock from Space" will debut at 4 pm Eastern time [2000 UT] on Friday 3 August.

Acaba, KE5DAR, a fan of classic rock, will discuss his experiences aboard the orbiting laboratory while presenting new rock to listeners around the world.

The Joe Show is a blend of science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM) and art. It highlights the latest technology, all within the context of "exploring new worlds of music."

"I'm excited to be the first astronaut to DJ from space on Third Rock Radio," Acaba said. "From the recordings launched aboard the Voyager spacecraft to the wakeup songs on shuttle missions, NASA and music have a long history together. As a former educator, I also appreciate the strong links between music and maths, one of the core STEM components that is so critical to my work as an astronaut."

To stream Third Rock Radio over the Internet, visit:
<http://www.thirdrockradio.net/>

http://www.southgatearc.org/news/july2012/nasa_astronaut_spins_discs_from_space.htm
Share this information with a young person near you. They will enjoy the fun (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

**** IRAN. [Re 12-30]** By searching HFCC on the peculiar dates 200712-200812 I came up with these Ramadan specials from Iran:

1930-2330 5940 & 6010 Azeri from Kamalabad
2330-0030 6010 Azeri from Sirjan [conflicts with Kurdish below]
2330-0330 6005 Azeri from Kamalabad [first hour conflicts Kurdish]
2130-0130 7325 & 7360 Arabic from Sirjan, 270 degrees
2230-0100 7405 Tajik from Kamalabad

2330-0030 6005 & 6080 Sorani Kurdish from Kamalabad [6005 conflict]
6010 Sorani Kurdish from Sirjan [conflicts with Azeri above]
0030-0130 9650 Turkish from Sirjan, 310 degrees, good for NoAM.
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Checked the special schedule above, at 0015-0045 UT July 28.
NOT on air 6005 and 7360 kHz. All on S=9+25dB signal strength: 6010,
6080, 7325 - phone-in in Arabic, 7405, 9650 kHz (Wolfgang B,schel,
wwdxc BC-DX TopNews, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

A-12 schedule including Ramadan special programs
<http://www.hfcc.org/data/schedbybrc.php?seas=A12&broadc=IRB>

Entries with added annotations in the language column, besides the
Ramadan-only ones:

m - Mashhad program via Sirjan TX site.

-X alternate frequency (via Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

[and non]. 11760, R. Havana. Good with Spanish ID heard under
VOIRI, Kamalabad also in Spanish at 0058, 5/7 (John Adams, Beech
Forest, Vic (JRC NRD-535 Ewe and Folded Dipole), August Australian DX
News via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DXLD)

Ha! Had not noticed this: another victim of Cuba's refusal to
participate in HFCC: Iran axually thought this frequency was open!
``11760 0030 0230 11-15 KAM 500 274 0 215 1234567 250312 281012 D
SPANISH IRN IRB IRB`` And there are no // (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF
RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15480, July 29 at 0527, VIRI IS, good signal but heavy flutter as
overnight propagation has recovered. I settle in to listen to a sign-
on, but instead this cuts off at 0530:10*. It's the end of the 0500
Russian broadcast, 500 kW, 320 degrees from Sirjan, also USward.

13750, July 31 at 0503, music, just missed quick Qur'an, shux; Russian
announcement, 0504 VIRI ID, news theme; fair with flutter. Aoki shows
500 kW, 358 degrees from Kamalabad. Checked // 15480 as heard recently
but not propagating there, 500 kW, 322 degrees from Sirjan (Glenn
Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

17550, August 1 at 1340, qontinuous Qur'an past 1350, a bit muffled
and with some reverb imposed for effect. It's VIRI's 11-hour Arabic
service at 0530-1627, 500 kW, 259 degrees from Kamalabad (Glenn
Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ISRAEL. 15850, Galei Zahal; 2153-2204+, 28-July; M&W interview--
apparently the Hebrew world for telecommunications is, "telecommunica-
tions". 2159 EZL bumper & ID into news to 2202+ into EZL music. All in

Hebrew. SIO=2+52+ (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ITALY. RAI Radio 1 on 4940 kHz --- Hi all, For a few nights, I've been receiving RAI Radio 1 on 4940 kHz, from 2130 to 2230 UT (i.e. after VOA S,,o TomÈ S-off). Does anyone know who is relaying this transmission? I assume it's an illegal one. Pretty clear signal here in south-east France. A clip is available from my YouTube Channel : <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7IcI6DyvC94&feature=plcp>
I found no info, nor any report at all on the web; Quite weird!
(Patrick, French Alps, July 14, HCDX not posted until July 29 via DXLD)

There have been several reports, most quoted in DXLD, but no word of axual source. Has Risto been on vacation, holding up HCDX moderation For 2+ weeks? Or this and a few other items overlooked (gh, DXLD)

** ITALY. 10000, Time Signal Station Italcable, 0735-0950, 29-07, time signals, pulses five seconds before minutes, pulse with 00 seconds, male time announcements each minute in Italian: "hora 7 e 45", identification by female in Italian each 15 minutes: 00, 15, 30, 45: "Italcable, stazione radio Italcable, trasmissione sperimentale del segnale orario, frequenza dieci megahertz...". Between second 05 and 55, music. 24322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 10 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ITALY [non]. New IRRS/EGR broadcasts to EU, Africa and Asia/Pacific
Hello There from Milano, Italy, Just a short message to let you know that we just started some new daily broadcasts to Europe, Africa and Asia/Pacific. Our newest schedule has been published on line at <http://www.nexus.org/schedules/>

Here is some details of broadcasts started today:

TO Asia, 150 kW:
daily from 1400-1500 UTC on 15215 kHz
TO Africa, 150 kW:
daily from 1700-1800 UTC on 17770 kHz
TO Europe, 150 kW:
daily from 1900-2000 UTC on 7290 kHz

If you live in any of these targets, we will greatly appreciate receiving emails and receptions reports. We have a limited number of new QSL cards that we will be glad to send to the first 50 correct reception reports. Thank You and best 73s (Ron Norton NEXUS-Int'l Broadcasting Association, 1504 UT Aug 1, WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Also via Dario Monferini, Alokesh Gupta. As just in DX Re Mix News, site is still Tiganeshti, Romania, and almost all of this is Brother Scare. See SOUTH CAROLINA [non] (gh, DXLD)

Just in case you need this QSL from IRRS Nexus, yesterday (seemingly first day for the new transmissions) they relayed Overcomer Ministries on 7290 kHz; signal strength here in Germany was a booming 9+30 dB on the PERSEUS SDR. 73 (Harald Kuhl, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

FYI, They rent broadcast time and more transmitter capacity at the Spaceline company, which has taken over transmitters in Gavar, Armenia some years ago. Have taken over both Armenia and Bulgaria, Sofia Kostinbrod facilities. So if you want to see locations marked on the QSL card and should collect from the Italian Ron, let confirmation of Gavar, Armenia, location on the numbered QSL card demand. 73 wb (Wolfgang B,schel, ibid.)

Yet Ivo in Bulgaria, who should know, says 7290, 15215 and 17770 are now from ROMANIA (gh, DXLD)

** JAPAN. 9595, July 26 at 1337, R. Nikkei is in American English, with a story about the Osprey VTOL aircraft which the USMC wants to station upon Okinawa vs protests from the populace over its safety. Soon switches into Japanese, and back and forth to English, as this is being used as a language lesson, translating/explaining each word and phrase. The text appears to be a current news/feature story not intended as a language lesson (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KAZAKHSTAN [and non]. COMMENTATOR LABELS CNN INTERNATIONAL REPORT ON KAZAKHSTAN "A FLASHY INFOMERCIAL EXPLOITING CNN'S WANING CREDIBILITY." Posted: 29 Jul 2012

Eurasianet.org, 20 July 2012, Myles G. Smith: "All this week, CNN International, part of that 'most trusted name in news,' has aired a series of reports on Kazakhstan. But what looks to the unsuspecting viewer like more of CNN at its finest appears in fact to be sponsored advertisements paid for by none other than Kazakhstan's oil-rich government. The spots are part of CNN International's 'Eyes On' series. Pay close attention and only the one-minute promo for the series ends with an announcement, 'In association with the following,' leaving the viewer to try to read two logos on screen. One is clearly Samruk Kazyna, the state fund that owns all state assets. The other, particularly fuzzy, logo is the Astana Economic Forum, the brainchild of President Nursultan Nazarbayev. Both link to a page promoting Astana's bid to host Expo 2017.

Most of the spots are quirky, soft-core reportage and travelogue

sprinkled with carefully framed shots of the glitziest parts of Astana and Almaty. Topics include economic diversification, transportation infrastructure, skiing, and dating games. CNN International offers no coverage of labor strikes, human rights abuses, nascent violent insurgencies, violence against women, or any other diversions from the narrative of relentless growth and limitless opportunity. Yes, CNN has sold itself to Astana, though CNN seems reluctant to admit it. There is a tiny footnote, which appears only online, noting the Eye On series 'often carries sponsorship originating from the countries we profile.' But television and Internet viewers are left with little indication that the programing isn't news, but rather a flashy infomercial exploiting CNN's waning credibility."

(kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

The dilemma for CNN International is that it operates entirely without government subsidy, a fact that should enhance its credibility. To survive as a business, however, it must create revenue streams, some of which involve the public diplomacy of nations whose conduct concerning democracy and human rights may be less than stellar. See also CNN Eye On Kazakhstan page.

<http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/eye.on/index.html>

(Kim Andrew Elliott, ibid.)

** KOREA NORTH [and non]. 6070.325, July 27 at 1210, slightly wavering but circa F-sharp upon CFRX indicates VOK Japanese service is off-frequency again, after a while being close enough to 6070.0 to heterodyne it subaudibly (SAH). I haven't measured CFRX directly, but Wolfgang B. Schel just had it July 23 at 45 Hz low on 6069.955, so 370 Hz up from that would be 6070.325.

11710, July 27 at 1312, VOK in pompous English about Kim blessing The People's Ice Rink, apparently a new development. Clearly audible underneath is programming in Chinese, which on // 11735 is unimpeded. So VOK is again unable to keep its programming feeds separate. Weaker // 9335 for English also exhibits this, plus further CCI, i.e. IBB Burmese via TINIAN at 1230-1430. If the English on 11710 would pause, could easily copy the Chinese crosstalk (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11865, V. of Korea, 0843 usual somber fatherland vocal music, // 9650 which was weaker. This frequency fair and clear. (29 July) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D and Perseus SDR, T2FD antenna, HCDX via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH. Dear Glenn, Have been listening to and reading you for decades. SWL since about 1966. I have been wondering about the new North Korean website for Voice of Korea. I have been unable to get it to play for me at all even after installing their multi-media player

(doing so made me nervous, but I have seen no adverse effects). Have you been able to listen to them via the internet? If so, what did you do. I think it would be amusing for once to hear their strange discourse in FM quality audio (Robert Gorsch, Concord, California, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Robert, I haven't tried, as the risk of installing something from NK on my computer outweighed being able to hear it. Enough for me on SW. Regards, (Glenn to Robert, via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 5985.0, Shiokaze/Sea Breeze via Yamata. July 31 (Tuesday) is still their favorite day to broadcast Chinese (scheduled from 1330 to 1400) and Korean (scheduled from 1400 to 1430); fair; best in LSB due to Myanmar; checked at 1333 and 1405 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN. 3962, V of Iranian Kurdistan (cland). *0225 with IS, Anthem at 0230 and ID iEira dendzi Kurdistan Iranî in Kurdish // 4861 but at 0248 already on 3971 and 4876 jumping to avoid the jammers from Iran. On 6/7. By the way the other similar station Voice of Kurdistan operating earlier on 3930 is not on this frequency since month or more time (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF2001D, Folded Marconi Ant 16 meters long), August Australian DX News via DXLD)

** KUWAIT. 15540, July 29 at 2020, R. Kuwait in English with the Islamic-evangelism show, which keeps bumping around the schedule (sometimes 1800, or 1900, and now 2000), saying that the insane are not required to fast during Ramadan, without penalty; and that children should be indoctrinated into fasting gradually; episode title: ``Ramadan --- the holy and great month of Islam``, ending at 2021, to be continued tomorrow. YL gave name of three presenters including hers, Iris Kellerman (sp?). Then a bit of traditional music quickly morphing to disco in English. Very good signal here today, and Arabic on 17550 was merely good.

This was swiftly monitored with the portable DX-398 on the porch where it was 107 degrees F in the shade, frigid compared to Kuwait where tomorrow's high is forecast at 126 and lows barely breaking 100 if at all, while we complain about lows barely breaking 80 if at all, requiring AC to run all-night.

15540, July 30 at 2050, R. Kuwait has expanded the 3-minute 'News in Brief' to 4 minutes! Wow, must be because of Olympic coverage; concluding weather was most concerned with winds but finally admitted a hi of 50 degrees (122 F), while it was only 108 (42+ C) on my OK monitoring porch in the shade.

15540, July 31 at 2050, sufficient signal from R. Kuwait in English,

'News in Brief' is reshunk to only two sesquiminutes, and not a word about the weather. I was eager to hear whether they had topped out at 122 or 126 degrees as per some forecasts. Our hi was 108 today, about what it was at this time; KFORcast 112 on August 1. RK followed with ``Sunshine`` by John Denver, of which OK and Kuwait have plenty; sign-off English and switch to Arabic at 2100 until 2101*

21540, August 1 at 1352, Arabic discussion, poor signal from R. Kuwait, still here instead of registered 21520 for A-12; atop slight SAH from co-channel Spain. For months there has been very little signal from this, but maybe conditions are slightly improving now (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MADAGASCAR. 17670, July 28 at 1325 fair signal with Vietnamese singing, then talk, by 1331 sounds like a sermon. It's AWR at 13-14, 250 kW, 60 degrees, way offbeam for here, but yet another example of the terrific coverage of this now salvaged relay site for the post-RNW era; perhaps assisted by near-antipodal focusing (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA. 11665, RTM program from Kajang site, seemingly Wai Sarawak FM in Malay language, sweet female singer at 0805 UT July 30, in peaks fair at S=6-8 signal, heard on remote unit in Australia.

Also poor 9835 kHz from Kajang Malaysia at 0822 UT. Mixed Malay and some English language segments noted by most modern male disc jockey.

Yesterday July 29 noted RTM Kajang at 1655 UT on very odd 5964.706 kHz, poor S=7 signal on mostly nighttime path MLA towards Europe (Wolfgang Bueschel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 30, dxldyg via DXLD)

** MAURITANIA. 7245, July 31 at 0457, undermodulated Arabic/rap? Somewhat weaker than 7275 Tunisia; IGIM on early or all-night? Might be more of this for Ramadan, but you never know with this station

7245, August 1 at 0528, IGIM is on with chanting, tnx to Ramadan? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 580, July 29 at 0504 UT, probably just after NA, ``La Rancherita del Aire, radio sin fronteras`` singing ID, then temps as 32C/90F; makes slow pumping SAH of 160/minute = 2 and two-thirds Hz with WIBW as IDed shortly. It is of course XEMU, Piedras Negras, Coahuila on the border. Did not catch calls, but gave 580 plus an uncopied FM frequency. Cant' shows that is another recent addition, XHEMU 103.7, and AM night power is 2.5 kW (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 710, Thursday July 26 at 1125 UT I check XEDP again for Low

German as heard last Friday at this time: it's the same preacher and same program, but presented only in Spanish with a slight accent, pontificating about repenting and accepting JC, closing with address in Colonia ;lvaro Obreg n, or La Biblia Dice, Apartado 213, Cuauht moc, Chihuahua, phone 584-0126; 1126 XEDP ``La Ranchera de Cuauht moc`` jingle. By 1137 it was losing out to KCMO rather than KGNC. Sunrise here was 1134. Maybe he's in Low German on Fridays only (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. Sunrise MWDX July 28, UT:

590, July 28 at 1119, ``Radio Paco`` mentioned amid music, sure sounds like an ID slogan, but no Mexicans listed anywhere by that name. Since I have just been getting XENK Mexico City on 620, a good bet is the 590 in the DF, officially XEPH, ``La Sabrosita``, which can be loosely translated as ``mouth-watering``. Trying to avoid being too distracted by the cheesecake infesting the website, at <http://www.sabrosita590am.com.mx/v3/paginas/programacion.php> I find that the Saturday 6-8 am bloque musical is deejaed by one Francisco Su rez, who could easily nickname himself ``Radio Paco``. Q.E.D.

620, July 28 at 1111 UT, classic rock in English, ``He Ain't Heavy; He's My Brother`` by the Hollies; good signal, would R. Disney in The Metroplex play that? Probably not and the signal is too good for KMKI. 1116 ``Lo mejor de los 70``, and Radio 6-20 ID, various federal PSAs, promos, Asociaci n de Radio del Valle de M xico clinches it must be XENK in the DF. Is also selling this music? 1118 ``El Cat logo de Oro``, next ``Ophelia`` in English; is it all? ``Internacional`` may be a code-word for that. Per <http://www.mexicoradio.tv.com> ---

``620 XENK Radio 6.20 Audio M sica de cat logo internacional. 50,000 watts d a, 5,000 watts noche desde San Andr s de la Ca ada, [Estado de] M xico Grupo RASA.`` and the logo claims AM stereo. This signal should have been strong enough to audiblize that but my AM stereo radio is gathering dust. Website is simply the enviable <http://www.620.com.mx> Gaisma.com shows DF sunrise today as 1212 UT, later than I would have guessed, more than a semihour after Enid's 1135; but being further west and much further south accounts for it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 1140, July 31 at 0511, hyper gospel huxter in Spanish, a real Jesus-freak, inviting phone calls with prayer requests, and putting them on the air, with overmod/distortion. Frequently gives numbers ``en cabina`` 83-75-50-51 y 83-75-50-55, one or the other of which is busy; 0514 mentions iglesia in Colonia del Prado.

It's now certain to be XEMR Monterrey, Radio Esperanza, and a *local*

program, not relaying frequency- and namesake Cartagena, Colombia station. There are several Colonias del Prado in Mexico, top hit Monterrey, also Monclova, Reynosa, and in Costa Rica, and phone numbers lead directly to XEMR including

<https://es-es.facebook.com/RadioEsperanza1140>

<http://es-es.facebook.com/pages/Centro-Cristiano-Cristo-es-la-Roca/116385445105010>

Meanwhile XEMR faded down a bit boosting a 72/minute SAH = 1.2 Hz with another Spanish station looping further west, altho that does not seem to fit for the 5 other XEs on 1140 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 6185, August 1 at 0220, good signal but no modulation detectable from XEPPM, and with ACI from stronger 6180 Brasil. So Radio Educaci n is still having deadair problems. Is no one paying attention at studio or transmitter? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. Sporadic E analog TV DX erupted again just as I was sending my last report, July 26, UT:

1540 on 2, Televisa Deportes, Olympix promo [tho full coverage will be on the rival Azteca networks]; Could be XEW DF itself. Also algo on 4

1541 on 5, looks like major Televisa bug in UR

1544 on 2, net-5 toons, CCI

1545 on 4, f bug LR, net 4 with cooking segment captioned as queso de cabra (goat cheese). Could be XHTV DF itself

1549 on 5, toons, net-5. Could be XHGC DF itself

Occasional signs of video on ch 2 during following hours

Some sporadic E analog TV DX July 29, UT:

1930 on 2, fade-in some Spanish from south, Olympic swimming coverage (or something involving aquatix). Similar but not // video on NBC. One has lanes, the other not; 1944 on to weight-lifting. Net-13?

2205 on 3, olympix in *English*, first rotated north but not from Canada, really from WSW to west, soon with typical almost-zero beat bars, i.e. XHBC Mexicali with QRM from XHTJB Tijuana. Not these olympix, but a documentary with a British English narrator, and Spanish subtitles; 2212 is about India, on to Venezuela at 2218 when almost-snow free, has Televisa national bug UR, and Mexicali tiny below it. Also CCI on 2 but not up to 4; also some skip from south but it all peters out after 2230 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Another day with some sporadic-E analog TV DX, UT July 31:

0034 on 2, CCI in Spanish shows up from SSW peak

0034 on 3, Spanish, seems Olympic

0049 on 5, Olay commercial appears for a few sex

0104 on 3, net-5 with Olympic hilites, men`s synchro diving; CCI
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yesterday, XHD-4 with Olympics and XHGC5 Net minus offset. 100 KW
XHTAU-2 was in like a local at times. Doug lists this as XEW Net but
Wikipedia says:

"XHD is the television call sign for the Televisa television station
channel 4 in Tampico, Tamaulipas, Mexico. It broadcasts programs from
the Canal 5 Televisa network as well as local programming and news."
Analog #1958.

Later XHD had CCI from "TV MAS" which I believe is XHGV in Las Lajas,
Veracruz. TV MAS bug in upper right of screen. 73, (Jeff Kadet,
Macomb, IL, July 31, WTFDA via DXLD)

** MEXICO. Monitoring ch 2 with antenna S for signs of skip, brief
fade-in August 1 at 1532 UT during ``Salud es Belleza`` commercial. We
no longer have to contend with all that QRM from Canada as CBC just
closed down all its analog TV transmitters; I wonder how many remain
with other networks? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. MEXICO HAS SIGNIFICANTLY MODIFIED THEIR DTV TRANSITION
PLAN. - The Mexican analog drop-dead date is now December 31, 2015.

As in Canada, stations in small cities will not be required to convert
at all. However, a far larger proportion of Mexican stations are in
areas that are required to convert. Mexico is discouraging (but not
prohibiting) use of channels 2-6 and 38-51 for DTV.

The country has been divided into three groups of markets. Some
markets (mostly, along the U.S. border) are required to convert during
2013; another set of markets (largely in central Mexico) must convert
during 2014; a remaining group (largely in southern Mexico) must
convert during 2015.

In each group, by the end of January each station must be broadcasting
a DTV signal with enough power to deliver 48 dBu of signal (43 dBu for
VHF) across their city-of-license. Stations which are using a second
channel for digital simulcasts must inform the government by May 31st
of which channel they intend to use on a permanent basis. The analog
signal must be shut down by November 26th.

Tijuana is a special case. A pilot conversion project will happen
there; Tijuana's analog signals will be dark by April 16th of next
year (this includes famed, and oft- DXed, XETV-6).

Mexico is encouraging the use of subchannels. Indeed, an interesting

rule states that stations broadcasting only one program must broadcast that program in HD. The government must be informed if a station wishes to use subchannels or Mobile DTV. Stations must inform viewers of available DTV services with at least two announcements daily during prime viewing hours.

Mexico is not freezing applications for new stations. Applications for new digital-only stations will be accepted. Indeed, applications for new analog stations will be accepted, provided they're located in areas where digital conversion will not be required.

DTV stations in the U.S. and Canada use MPEG-2 compression to encode their video. Mexico will allow MPEG-2 ñ but they will also allow use of the more efficient H.264 compression encoder. Some use of H.264 has already been observed in Mexico.

H.264 is not compatible with most U.S. TV receivers. It is however seeing increasing support in other countries. We might expect to begin seeing H.264 compatibility in U.S. receivers soon.

Finally --- This paragraph was pushing my comprehension of Spanish, but I think Mexican stations are allowed to use the same channel for digital and analog transmission during transition. The digital and analog transmissions would share time; a station might broadcast in digital on channel 7 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; and in analog on the same channel on Tuesday, Thursday, and weekends. I am not 100% certain I was understanding that one properly.

A list of commonly-DXed Mexican stations and their transition year:

XEFB 2 Monterrey 2013
XEFE 2 Nuevo Laredo 2013
XEPM 2 Juarez 2013
XEW0 2 Guadalajara 2014
XHI 2 Cd. Obregón 2015
XHRI0 2 Matamoros 2013
XHTAU 2 Tampico 2015
XHP 3 Puebla 2014
XHPN 3 Piedras Negras not required [why not?]
XET 6 Monterrey 2013
(Doug Smith, August WTFDA VHF-UHF Digest via DXLD)

** MYANMAR. 7109.992, the only Myanmar broadcast station logged at 1210 UT July 23, slight odd frequency, Myanmar Kachin Radio MMR in Burmese language. Used remote SDR receiver unit in Australia. S=7 signal level, just above noise level. Another UNID station, probably also from Yangon Myanmar outlet heard on 7199.803 kHz at same time (Wolfgang B, schel, July 23, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 27 via DXLD)

**** NEPAL. RADIO NEPAL AND NTV WILL BE AUTONOMOUS-PM**

Kathmandu, July 26: Prime Minister Dr. Baburam Bhattarai has said that the government working to convert the state-owned Radio Nepal and Nepal Television (NTV) into autonomous media institutions. More at : <http://nepaleverestnews.com/eng/?p=8692>
(via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, July 27, dx_sasia yg via DXLD)

Will this get them back on SW? Doubt it (gh, DXLD)

**** NETHERLANDS [non]. SPECIAL QSL CARD RADIO NETHERLANDS LAST TRANSMISSION IN ENGLISH**

Ricevuta in 26 giorni la Special QSLCard da *Radio Netherlands Worldwide* ascoltata in occasione dell'ultima trasmissione in lingua inglese in onde corte sui 6065 kHz da Wertachtal. Allegati alla conferma anche due adesivi. Qui l'immagine della QSL molto emblematica!
<http://diarioradio.blogspot.it/2012/07/qsL-speciale-radio-netherlands-ultima.html>
Qui potete ascoltare la registrazione di questa emissione:
<https://www.box.net/s/b61f84268c87c120f4b1>
(Roberto Rizzardi, SWL I/0216/GR, Porto S. Stefano (GR) Italy, 28 July, playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DXLD)

It's all depressingly in gray, puddles in the rain with little rings around the drops denoting what broadcasting may be left (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ciao, la stessa QSL l'ho ricevuta un paio di giorni fa ma per la trasmissione via Issoudun sugli 11615 kHz. Cartolina di conferma e foto del sito francese (che ho visto una decina di gironi fa transitando in quella zona della Francia) tra un po' sul mio blog <http://gropdx.blogspot.it/>
(Alessandro Gropazzi, 28 July, playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DXLD)

VATICAN STATE, Got a raindrops and "Goodbye and thanks!" f/d QSL for the very last English language broadcast from R. Netherlands Worldwide on 15495 via Santa Maria di Galeria for an e-mail report. Also included a small sticker. V/s Jaime B·guena. (26 July) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D and Perseus SDR, T2FD antenna, HCDX via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DXLD)

**** NETHERLANDS. ROBERT ZAAL NAMED DIRECTOR OF RNW 3.0 -- RADIO NETHERLANDS WITHOUT RADIO. Posted: 29 Jul 2012**

Radio Netherlands Worldwide 27 July 2012: "Robert Zaal, the current head of Dutch media group RTV North Holland has been named as the new

director of Radio Netherlands Worldwide. He will be responsible for leading the implementation of RNW's new direction, focussed on free speech. As of 2013, RNW will operate primarily in Africa and the Arab world, but also in countries such as China, Cuba, Venezuela and Mexico. ... Zaal said ... 'There is a good plan for RNW 3.0 and we will implement it in a serious and business-like fashion.' RNW's current director, Jan Hoek, remains responsible for activities related to the winding down of the old organisation. Zaal will take over on November 1st."

followthemedias.com, 27 July 2012, Michael Hedges: "From the first of 2013 RNW will end broadcasting activities and devote energies to the web delivered services. About 270 employees are on the redundancy plan, including managing director Hoek... ."

Radio Netherlands Worldwide, 26 July 2012, Louise Dunne: "Dutchabroad.nl is to continue some of the Dutch language activities that are no longer part of Radio Netherlands Worldwide's activities. The newly established media organisation will maintain a Dutch language website and social media, e-mail bulletins and digital newspaper de Wereldkrant. ... The project has been in the planning since it became clear last year that changes to the laws governing RNW meant it would no longer be responsible for providing Dutch-language information outside the Netherlands. 'Within a short time we were inundated with reactions from people saying how important our digital products were to them.'" (kimandrewelliott.com via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DXLD)

** NEWFOUNDLAND. 6160, CKZN at 0040 with Def Leppard's "Foolin'" on "Randy Bachman's Vinyl Tap" (Weak and noisy Jul 29 MAC) (Mark A Coady, Ont., ODXA Listening In via DXLD)

?? Is it back on frequency from 6160.88? Don't see too many precise frequencies in this log report (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

[and non]. 6160.88, July 31 at 0458 check, still an A-note het from off-frequency CKZN vs CKZU 6160-. Someone in Canada recently reported CKZN on ``6160``, presumably not concerned with such details (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. An hour ago, RNZI must have been having technical difficulties. At 0258 tune-in, 17675 was in AM, not DRM with test tones (I've never heard that before from RNZI) and an otherwise open carrier, in AM. 15720 was also in AM, but carrying RNZI programming. When rechecked at 0358, all is back to normal with RNZI booming in with SNR of 26.6 dB, and no drop-outs at all (Walt Salmani, Victoria, BC, 0400 UT Aug 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. Hi all, Voice of Nigeria noted on July 26 1500-1600 on new 15121.0, instead of nominal 15120. Very good reception in BUL 45554. Please check tomorrow morning 0500-0700 in English and 0700-0800 in French on 15121 or 15120. 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Was not audible at all after 0500 July 27 (Glenn Hauser, OK, ibid.)

Voice of Nigeria RE DXLD 12-30 --- Hi Glenn, my guess: It's Abuja on 9689.9 and Ikorudu 15120. The slight offset reported points to that. The signal is quite weak here for this transmission, so if strong in Florida, probably an effective directional antenna used, probably closer to East-West direction than for W Af transmissions via Ikorudu (don't know the settings there). 15120 is typical Ikorudu sound. There have been two transmitters used in // from Ikorudu until 2004, but the second had a terrible buzz and distorted audio - I don't believe they repaired after a long time. 73 (Thorsten Hallmann, Germany, July 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Well, terrible buzz and distorted audio were also heard earlier this year on 15120 (gh, DXLD)

15120, Voice of Nigeria, *0458-0510, July 28, abrupt sign on with English preview of upcoming programs. ID. Email address. News at 0500. Good signal strength but with a slight whine in audio (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

15120.0, Saturday July 28 at 0509, VON with weekly mailbag including hum but not too bad. Reading report asking for QSL, and again saying she could not match it with schedule; launching pad for going on to give times for several programs, 'Landmark', 'Evergreens', 'Musical Heritage'. Ivo Ivanov recently had this on 15121 and was wondering if that shift would continue (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Ivo, I wasn't able to check before now, but today they are back on 15120 kHz at 1530. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, July 29, ibid.)

15120.0, July 30 at 0502, VON with news in English, only a lite whine to bother (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9689.893, Probably Nigerian station from Ikorodu very odd frequency this morning. At 0817 UT July 30. But tiny signal to trace confirmation it 100% (Wolfgang Bueschel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 30, dxldyg via DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. [Pirates]. 6925 USB, WPON, *0000-0035, July 26, pop/rock/rap music. ID. Editorials about world economies. Obama speech. Good.

6925 USB, Radio Ga Ga, 0228-0231*, July 28, pop music. ID at sign off.

Poor in thunderstorm static.

6925 USB, Northwoods Radio, 0110-0135, July 29, ID. Ted Nugent music.
Poor to fair in thunderstorm static.

6950 USB, Wolverine Radio, 0155-0205, July 29, blues music. Simon & Garfunkel music. ID. Strong.

6925, Captain Morgan Shortwave, 0150-0215, July 29, pop music. ID.
Fair (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6935, PIRATE, Radio True North, 0451 July 29, rock song, 0455 ID and email address for reports. Good (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening lakeside from my car with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 930, July 31 at 0521 UT, the indominable one [undominantable?], WKY OKC has conceded to the CCI, merely transmitting dead air (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 3449.85, (PIRATE) beacon i0Kî 1013 July 25, 2012. Poor, but clearly present. This per Glenn Hauser and others logs (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, FL, JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Sony ICF-7600GR; Sangean PR-D5; Aqua Guide 705 RDF Marine Radio; GE Superadio III; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X room random wire; Terk Advantage non-active portable loop, WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 27185, July 28 at 2016, as I am checking the CB for skip, steady local signal relaying Air One, i.e. synchronous 91.1 KKRK Enid. Effectively blox the calling channel, but increases the Air One gospel-huxter audience locally among the coveted CB demographic (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Still going circa 0015 UT July 31 (gh)

** OKLAHOMA. Behind the Scenes: The making of the 2012 OKM Broadcast Series --- I'm in the final days before I write and produce the opening hours of the 2012 OKM Chamber Music Broadcast Series which will begin airing on Sunday, August 5th on Performance Oklahoma. Here's a first look, at the work behind the scenes...

Hot Summer Days and Nights: Evocative Music and Perfume --- It's the third week of July and with temperatures in the 100+s, Kimberly Powell thinks about several evocative works featured in this week's programming and the perfumes they inspire in her imagination. . .
<https://www.kcscfm.com/tune-in/>
(Kimberly Powell, Tune In blog at KCSC-FM Edmond OK, via gh, DXLD)

** PAKISTAN [non]. 15560, July 29 at 0525, as I tune by, plug for <http://www.mashaalradio.com> which is scheduled 04-06, 250 kW, 90 degrees from Wertachtal, GERMANY. HFCC shows language as ``Pakistani`` but it's really Pashto for the lawless border area with Afghanistan. Website also worx as .org, but the title spelling lax a double-a. Speaking of which, maybe IBB should start a similar service for the Mexican border area? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PALAU. 9930.0, T8WH "Voice of Praise", loud roarer English sermon, "Glory Halleluja". S=9+10dB proper signal into remote SDR unit in Australia (Wolfgang Bueschel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 30, dxldyg via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3260, July 26 at 1121, YL then joined by OM in all-talk sounding English but could be Tok Pisin; presumably R. Madang post-election. Also PNG-frequency carriers on 3205, 3315, 3325, 3345, 3365 (but not 3385).

3260, the only one bearing modulation, still audible past 1130, 1148. Earlier at 1042-1050, Chuck Bolland in Florida measured this on 3259.988. Enid sunrise today was 1134, and in two weeks will be 1145 as the season gains momentum toward the Equinox (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3260, NBC Madang, 1338-1404*, July 31. The strongest PNG station today; // 3315 NBC Manus (second best); ID in English for the official broadcaster of the 2012 national general election, NBC National Radio, the Voice of Papua New Guinea; Pacific Island pop songs; in Tok Pisin; 1353 igoodbye! announcement for NBC National Radio; more songs; 1359 played the iPNG National Radio Song! (iIn our land of a thousand tongues, brothers and sisters old and young, unite our hearts so we feel as one . . . We pledge to stand together as one people, one nation, one country. God bless Papua New Guinea. You and me now together as one. Sharing our faith, united as one, one country. . . The time has come to stand together side by side, the time has come to pray together, and God will be our guide. . . . Unite to be one people, one nation, one country: P-N-G!); ID in English with long list of MW, FM and SW frequencies (seemed all the SW Port Moresby frequencies mentioned are not active); National Anthem. Was not // NBC Sandaun (3204.96). (Ron Howard, Calif., EtUn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 6040, NEW GUINEA TERRITORY, presumed NBC Port Moresby, 0940-1001 July 26. M & W announcers with discussion in unID language; W announcer at ToH; no discernible ID noted; weak & poor; been monitoring this since first reported, but I can't pull anything useful from it; hopefully it's still around when winter arrives on the ECNA (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, NH, NRD-545, MLB-1, 2001)

Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6040, NBC Port Moresby with NBC National Radio programming had been broadcasting here for 19 consecutive days, but for the first time off the air on July 28 during checks made from 0850 to 1004. Nothing noted on 4890 either. Is it really permanently gone now that the election results have been given? (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No, it's still/again on the air. Currently (29 July 2012, 1033 UT, still on at 1111 UT) I find a nice strong signal on Neil's Perseus in Brisbane on 6040 kHz, with more and more election results and interviews, including some with NBC provincial stations. Short news at 1104, delayed from TOH because of a live speech with fresh vote counts. Nothing on 4890. No signal here in Germany - not surprisingly.

The deadline to declare the winners in each district has been extended from July 27 to August 1, according to <http://www.pnhec.gov.pg/> 24 members of parliament have yet to be declared; 87 have already been determined. 73, (Eike Bierwirth, Leipzig / Germany, ibid.)

6040, NBC Port Moresby with NBC National Radio, the Voice of Papua New Guinea programming, 0933-1018, July 29. Nice to hear them again after their one day hiatus yesterday, as also heard today by Eike Bierwirth via a remote receiver at Brisbane. I am indeed fortunate to have direct reception here in Calif., at a distance of 6644 miles/ 10693 kilometers from Port Moresby! Highlights:

0933-1000: Two OM alternating with preaching in English; a Seventh-day Adventist church service; announcement to tune in next Sunday at 7:10 (0910 UT).

1000: IDs for election coverage by NBC Radio and Kundu 2 TV Network; bird call and NBC National News in English.

1011: Promo for NBC news with montage of sound bites from NBC news; ad for BSP (Bank of South Pacific).

1015: Election coverage in English.

<https://www.box.com/s/fd90021ac9c23a6e89d0>
contains MP3 audio of portions of this reception (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6039.971, A public message and congratulation program in English "in afternoon" observed at Brisbane remote SDR unit at 0835 UT July 30. S=9+25dB signal. NBC National Radio, the Voice of PNG, after congrats message some nice sweet South Sea music song (Wolfgang Bueschel, wwdxc

BC-DX TopNews July 30, dxldyg via DXLD)

6040, NBC Port Moresby with NBC National Radio programming, was on the air July 30, heard from 1003 to 1213, but clearly was not broadcasting on July 31. Will they return again tomorrow? (Ron Howard, Calif., EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST) No, gone

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 7324.95, Wantok Radio Light, *0857-0930, July 28. At tune in of 0853 found only a strong open carrier; not the usual Dr. Tayo Adeyemi; suddenly audio started with EZL music; 0901 bird call and the NBC National News in English till 0910 when they had their WRL thanks NBC announcement; no scheduling given as normally is, instead played non-stop Christian songs in English; 0923 ID and more songs; 0929 local time check; covered by QRM at 0930. Seemed they were having problems with their normal programming (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7324.954, Religious program of Wantok Radio Light program from Port Moresby, British? English pastor prayer, in peaks at S=8-9 signal level in Australia monitored at 0750 UT July 30 (Wolfgang Bueschel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 30, dxldyg via DXLD)

** PERU. 3329.52, Per', Ondas del Huallaga, Hu-nuco, 1013 to 1040 RTTY on frequency, tunable with 746Pro flexible filtering 20 July; 1040 OM over music, good signal, fade out at 1050. 24 July.

1000 to 1037 YL and OM format with music under t-storm crackle. 25 July.

0945 to 1010 exotic music, percussion, CHU notched, good signal. 26 July. Thanks Pedro F. Arrun-tegui (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro Drake R8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. [Re 12-30!] UNID. 4810, LA per Bob Wilkner tip, tuned this in at 0947 and found M talking as Bob was hearing. Doesn't quite sound like Spanish, maybe Quechua?? mention of radio at 0959:50. Canned M with few words briefly, then W at 1000 with definite mention of Selva, then possibly "el aire", "ciudad", and maybe ID as "Radio 100" (FM relay??). 1001 soft Pop-like music. Another song at 1004. M at 1008, then M live preaching to at least 1022 when fading. Apparently a religious station. Unfortunately there's local noise on the frequency, plus a horrible ute just above, and also CODAR. Maybe it's R. Vision back on and up here instead of ex-4790?? (25 July) Subsequent e-mail from Bob says it's R. Logos, Peru. R. Logos from Bolivia was on 6165 and then 4865 4-6 years ago. 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D and Perseus SDR, T2FD antenna, HCDX via DXLD)

Per', 4810, Radio Logos, 0910 YL and OM with high noise level, 0920

instrumental music, 0930 percussion music, continuous music to YL
brief announcement, 1002 music, 1026 "kiloHertz" mentioned?, 1050
"Palabras de Dios", into instrumental music, 1058 fading out. 25 July.

Per', 4810 Radio Logos, 0000 to 0020 with music, fair signal at best
(& XM-Cedar Key, NRD-525)

1040 instrument and vocal, possibly National Anthem -1045 OM singing,
good signal in LSB to avoid hash. 1045 missed most of tentative ID
"Lagos"-?- ending "en las Palabras de Dios." 1050 flauta andina, 1057
signal breaking up here, 1059 maybe? mention of kilohertz. Looked for
signal at 1000 nothing that early 26 July. Thanks Ron Howard, Dave
Valko and XM-Cedar Key (Robert Wilkner, PUmpano Beach, South Florida,
746Pro Drake R8, WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4810, R. Logos (presumed), 1054-1101*, July 26. OM in what sounded
like perhaps Spanish playing religious sounding songs, but with OA
musical instruments (flutes, etc.); suddenly off; poor with strong
CODAR QRM; did not return to the air by 1114. July 25 had a decent
strength open carrier at 0914, but the audio was below threshold
level, unlike today (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA,
EtUn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4810, R. Logos, 0934-0947 July 27, Spanish; Lively LA music & M
announcer with brief talk; nice signal over CODAR until wiped out by
ute hash at 0947, tnx R. Wilkner & DXLD tips (Scott R. Barbour, Jr.,
Intervale, NH, NRD-545, MLB-1, 200i Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via
WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4810, I have been checking periodically evenings and before sunrise,
but no sign here yet of the new 1 kW R. Logos, Chazuta, OAW9A, news
about which we broke first, in the dxldyg, DXLD and WORLD OF RADIO.
There is always a big ute blob on the hi side. Schedule appears to be
approx. 0900-0300 (Glenn Hauser, OK, July 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hola Don Henrik, yo he recibido un correo del Pastor Sangama, en otro
me ha prometido el envío de alguna foto, esperemos a ver.

de: jairo sangama saurin agiazo @ hotmail.com
fecha: 27 de julio de 2012 08:26
asunto: RE: Emisora en Chazuta, onda corta

Estimado hermano Rafael. Saludos en el amor de Dios. Es verdad que la
radio est· en la frecuencia 4810 kHz, la cual est· a nombre de la
Iglesia EvangÉlica Central de Chazuta. En el proyecto inicial
presentado, fue el nombre del EL HABLA DE MI PUEBLO pero ahora lleva
como nombre RADIO LOGOS. Nuestro objetivo es transmitir la PALABRA DE
DIOS en lenguas Nativas de la selva del PERU Y OTROS paices donde

llega. Puede usted comunicarse con este correo o a los teléfonos 042793834, 942757969 a nombre del Pastor: JAIRO SANGAMA SAURIN. Su ayuda en oración y ofrendas para dar sostenimiento a este medio radial. Su siervo: Jairo Sangama Saurin

Thomas Nilsson, el redactor del "Shortwave Bulletin" de Suecia acaba de recibir una QSL por correo electrónico. El captó la emisora el primer día de transmisión. Su reporte era "una primicia", escribe Jairo Sangama Saurin. Henrik Klemetz, latinoamericadx yg July 27

4809.9, Radio Logos. Chazuta, Perú. 2330-0310 julio 24. En emisiones de prueba la nueva estación peruana en banda tropical desde el distrito de Chazuta, con programación en vernacular hasta las 0200, luego música folclórica instrumental; para luego de las 0240 las primeras palabras en español "...primera de Juan, capítulo 1..." para luego lectura en vernacular, así también el capítulo 2 y 3. A las 0258 completa identificación por locutora en español

"...Radio Logos naciendo en el corazón de la selva amazónica OAW9A, saliendo en prueba al aire en la frecuencia 4.81 MHz desde el distrito de Chazuta, ciudad de la amistad, provincia y región de San Martín para el Perú y el mundo. Transmitiendo para usted el mensaje de la palabra de Dios, Radio Logos invita a las personas que deseen hacer sus comunicados al Jirón Arica 3ra cuadra sin número, Iglesia Evangeliza [sic] Central de Chazuta..."

Escuchada gracias a la información del colega venezolano Williams Lopez desde Barquisimeto, llegando con una muy buena señal; mas información por el colega Glenn Hauser en <http://www.w4uvh.net/dxld1227.txt>

En un correo anterior había informado como nombre tentativo que sería "El habla de mi pueblo" pero al parecer por la ayuda recibida de HCJB y Ray Rising quien ayudó también en la Radio Logos de Bolivia, optaron por este nombre, así no sería raro escuchar en sus emisiones la cadena Alas (Rafael Rodríguez R., Bogotá D.C. - COLOMBIA, latinoamerica dx yg via RRR, WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ciao! 4810, 28/07/2012 2325, R. Logos, Chazuta; vivace musica locale con il suono dolce e virtuosistico della quena (ascolto possibile solo in LSB causa utility) 22432. 73 (Saverio de Cian, Italy? Rx: JRC 535 + Perseus, Ant: K9AY, via Dario Monferini, Playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DXLD)

Peru/Bolivia, 4809.985, Unident, 0035-0100 July 29, At tune in, noted a very weak signal with a male talking briefly. He was followed by a female (I think?) then music presented. Someone said this might be Peru, Radio Logos? The audio is very weak and in the noise, it's

difficult to give any details that are certain. At 0051, ordinary Peruvian or Bolivian Huaynos type music with the flutes and singing. I can still see the signal using the Excalibur, but the audio is gone after 0100. However, that could be due to fading and not the station's schedule being terminated at 0100? (Chuck Bolland, Clewiston FL, 26N 081W, WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

INFORMACI" N SOBRE LA RADIO LOGOS EN CHAZUTA

<http://www.ethnicradio.org>

(Rafael Rodríguez R., Colombia, Aug 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Powerful media: Radio directly to remote villages
UPDATE UPDATE UPDATE as of 7/23/12

Praise the Lord for His miracles! As of Saturday, July 21 at 8PM Radio Logos in Chazuta, San Martín, Per' is broadcasting several hours a day. The programming has included the New Testament portions in Quechua and Bora from the CDs supplied by Faith Comes by Hearing. Pastor Jairo Sangama and others are working on the organizational part. Still needed is to complete the recording/control studio and training.

HCJB is sending Allen Graham next month to conduct a training seminar. We had a great crew here of Rick Herr, Tom VanGorkom, and Wayne Borthwick. Thank you for your encouragement, prayers and financial gifts to make this possible. Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Ray Rising

P.S. Next is an FM station in Llata, Huánuco, Per' and two others funded by Galcom (see the next page for more background info Project AMZ)

[Previous blog entries about this:]

A REPORT - Spring 2012

The first Radio Workshop for Jungle included Planning, Production & Presentation of a Radio Program. Presented by Dany Prado of Runa Simi in Peru, leaders of different tribal communities of the Amazon Jungle of Peru: Awajun, Shawi, Wampis, Achuar, Candoshi, & Quechua. Some had to travel for a week to participate in this workshop. Sensing the great need to proclaim the Gospel in their own native languages, these men and women have committed to serve the Lord by producing radio programs to reach their people for Christ.

A workshop was taught by Dany Prado training these folks in the use of a used laptop computer (supplied by the Ethnic Radio Team) with audio editing software named Audacity. They learned to prepare scripts and

choose program formats that would attract their listeners. They also learned how to present inductive Bible studies and produce micro-programs for radio broadcast. Walter Prado, (Dany's father) helped with the inductive Bible studies.

Many were fearful to get behind a microphone for the first time and use this recording equipment with a live audience. However this exercise helped them overcome their fear and prepared them to use the gifts and talents they already possessed. They prepared and presented a live radio program in their own language during this workshop. Recording it and playing it back for participants to hear was the final hurdle -making for some very excited tribal leaders. SUCCESS! They could do it themselves!

"Your prayers and love offerings give me the opportunity to serve the Lord in this ministry. Thanks so much and may the Lord bless you."
Dany Prado, Runa Simi, Per'

A Peruvian Christian man is obviously delighted to have a Galcom Radio of his own to be able to grow in spiritual knowledge and teaching from a Christian radio station many miles from his village.

A TRIP TO PERU - May 2012: PROGRESS REPORT

Dear Friends, Years ago, when I was held captive by a guerrilla force in Columbia, I learned first hand the powerful impact of hearing radio broadcasts in my own language. Since that time, it has been a passion of mine to establish radio stations in South America so thousands are able to hear the Word of God - even in areas that are nearly impossible to reach in their "heart language". Recently a highland Quechua radio producer told Ray how radio has helped open many closed doors to proclaim the gospel in isolated locations.

Jairo Sangama is a Peruvian pastor I met five years ago, also has a vision to reach his people by radio. Together we have begun the long process of searching for a prime location to build a short-wave radio broadcast station in Chazuta, Per'. A prime two-acre plot was donated by a family in the Chazuta church for a radio station, however the grandmother of the family was not a believer and opposed the project.

God has worked in marvelously in Grandmother Marlenyís heart and she has become a follower of Jesus and supports the land donation! Grandma Marleny and twenty-four others were at the land site to greet us May 2, 2012 ready to clear the land for the antenna! God has orchestrated donated radio equipment, which is ready to ship to Peru. The monumental task for the station is nearly done after two years of paperwork, license application, and preparation. Land is cleared, equipment donated and the work is now started.

Our excitement at the progress of this project is hard to describe but at the moment we are relating to the freed Hebrew slaves coming out of Egypt! We're facing a Red Sea of our own and realising the Egyptians are in hot pursuit! Our budget has been cut so there are no funds for shipping the donated equipment. August 8, 2012 is the deadline for having the station operational in compliance with the license, or we must begin that process all over again!

In order to cross this "Red Sea", we will need funds for the electric connection, transmitter building, studio equipment and travel funds. The \$38,000 needed seems impossible but we serve a God of possibilities and we are joyfully expecting a miraculous parting of these seas!

Join us in this exciting Ethnic Radio journey and pray that God will meet all these needs above and beyond all we ask or think! If you'd like to invest in the eternal rewards of this ministry, please contact us. Checks can be sent to:

Wycliffe Bible Translators
P.O. Box 628200
Orlando, FL 32862-8200
Attn: AMG-Chazuta Radio

If GOD is for us, and we know He is, who can be against us? Partnering together for His glory, Ray and Doris Rising

+By Mail: AMG Chazuta Radio
C/o Glenn Smith/WBT
5011 Addison Rd
Waxhaw, NC 28173

(via DXLD)

** PERU. Una buona caccia, risicata e sofferta in onda media, fruttuosa e con molte soddisfazioni in banda tropicale. Ecco quando ricevuto in questa prima met  di luglio:

4747.115, 10/07/2012 2330, R Huanta 2000, Huanta; px religioso, 24222

4774.974, 10/07/2012 0001, R Tarma, Tarma; mx, annunci e ID in S 33232

4939.964, 17/07/2012 2328, R San Antonio, Villa Atalaya; px musica locale, ID "Radio San Antonio a[l] servicio de la comunidad" 24432

4955.015, 10/07/2012 2325, R Cultural Amauta, Huanta; notizie (si menziona pi  volte Huanta) e commenti in S, 24322

5120.005, 10/07/2012 2355, Ondas del Suroriente, Quillabamba; notizie,

annunci, calendario manifestazioni, ID "Informaciones por Radio Felicidad" 24332

6173.929, 17/07/2012 0133, R Tawantisuyo, Cusco; px musica locale, 22222 (Saverio De Cian, Sedico (BL) / Italy. Rx: JRC 535 + Perseus, Ant: K9AY, via Roberto Scaglione, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

** PERU. 4955.00, 2350-2400 25.07, R Cultural Amauta, Huanta, Spanish talk by several persons, hymn, 25232 (Anker Petersen, here in Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** ROMANIA [non]. 7295, Radio Armonia via Wertachtal, GERMANY. From Iashi, Romania broadcasting Gospel programs in Romanian in TWR time. Only on Saturdays 1000-1030 repeated at 1529 on 9540. On 14/7. RA confirms with letter in English reception reports (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF2001D, Folded Marconi Ant 16 meters long), August Australian DX News via DXLD) See also ITALY, SOUTH CAROLINA non

** RUSSIA. 6160.00, 0115-0125 26.07, R Rossii, Arkhangelsk, Russian talk, traditional Russian songs by choir, 34333. Heterodyne from Canada (Anker Petersen, here in Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Voice of Russia World Service (in English) 9665 kHz

The name of the Voice of Russia "World Service" tells one who it is they try to imitate -- the BBC World Service so well-known around the world. The Voice of Russia captures somewhat the cadence and style of the BBC, but in spite of everything, Russians are still Russians -- and the old propagandistic bent still shows itself, albeit in a softer, gentler form.

Nevertheless, I include listening to the Voice of Russia's English service several times each week. The broadcast to which I listened was on 9665 kHz from 0215 through 0330 GMT -- all in English. From 0215 to 0230 I heard "Spotlight" -- a program highlighting relations between Russia and the UK. We heard about the seriousness of air pollution affecting the London Olympics and Britain's need to inform the athletes about this. Much tut-tutting. There followed an interesting segment on the use of statistics in understanding economics -- pointing out all the problems the UK was having with budget deficits, high unemployment, etc.

Then at 0230 the program "Burning Point" began with much slanted chatter by two professors about relations between North Korea and the U.S. -- focusing on N. Korea's "demand" for a new peace treaty with

the U.S., to replace the 59 year old armistice that ended the Korean War in 1953. Mischief was afoot, of course, insisting that the time for this to happen was now with the new (and very young) leader of N. Korea who is "opening his personal life to the U.S. and the world." Newly married and all that! Brainless gush but always in pleasant tones! The Russian scholars pointed out that this new peace treaty should be signed only by N. Korea and the U.S. -- obviously driving a wedge between the U.S. and its ally, South Korea. Of course there was not one word about all the treaties N. Korea had broken with the U.S. Thus it went on till the top of the hour.

The programming contrast came after 0300 with "Music and Musicians" -- when one could enjoy and relish great classical music so important to Russians still. Two contrasting hours but all of it interesting -- all through the magic of shortwave! (Grayson Watson in Dallas, TX using a Sangean 909x portable with an Apex Radio 700DTA antenna, NASWA yg via DXLD)

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** RUSSIA. 15700, Voice of Russia in German originate from Samara TX
center at 09 UT S=9+25dB. Maybe Moscow has a service maintenance time
slot at 0900 UT??
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15700 kHz 0900-1100 UT 28N SAM 250kw 284deg RUS VOR GFC
DRM blocks visible on SDR browser on 9850 KLG and 11830 MSK.

There is another additional broadcast to my knowledge,
21810 Novosibirsk-RUS, solid S=7 signal backwards into Germany.

Came across of Voice of Russia's English sce and US / Korea DPR / China political relations these days, 0940-0954 UT.

21800	0600-1000	55,58,59,60	IRK	250	152	RUS	VOR	GFC	
21810	0600-1000	55,58,59	NVS	250	145	RUS	VOR	GFC	<<<<<<<<<<<

these registrations also appeared

5920	2000-2200	37NW	ARM	200	280	RUS	VOR	GFC
5925	1200-1800	30S,31S,39,40	NVS	500	240	RUS	VOR	GFC
6075	1000-1400	32S,33S,42,43,44N	VLD	100	270	RUS	VOR	GFC
7285	1400-1800	39,47,48W	MSK	100	190	RUS	VOR	GFC
15700	0900-1100	28N	SAM	250	284	RUS	VOR	GFC
73 wb (Wolfgang B.schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)								

This new 15700, which I also found working pretty well today, has been added on Monday, as announced at http://german.ruvr.ru/radio_broadcast/4007478/82827983.html

I think Samara has been chosen just for practical reasons: It is already in use 1500-1900 on 12010, the analogue outlet in the evening

they had already cancelled, too, but restored after two weeks due to too many listeners complaints.

In some way the 15700 transmission restores what had been cancelled back in the mid-nineties. Until then the German noon program used to be on air 0900-1100/1000-1200, and it was on some shortwave frequencies mostly in the 19 MB of which at least one may well have originated from Samara (at least there was no Tbilisskaya outlet at this time, none of these frequencies had the peculiar sound of the FDM feed line to this site).

Later this noon broadcast had been cut back to a single hour and a single shortwave frequency, wandering around; in use were Tbilisskaya, Bolshakovo and also Krasne until shortwave operations ceased there, for the moment putting an end to this noon broadcast.

Two aspects are to be noted here: Voice of Russia management believed that they have good coverage of Germany because they are leasing no less than four mediumwave transmitters there. But they failed to notice that these four transmitters are located within an area hardly larger than 200 x 200 km, thus during daytime covering only parts of Germany.

The other point was the DRM enthusiasm. Apparently DRM had been seen as a viable part of the distribution mix. But for regular listeners, which they indeed have, the DRM signals from Taldom and Bolshakovo are of no use: No receivers, rather poor reliability, phone quality as a result of splitting the already way too low bitrate into two channels.

Thus this 15700 outlet now (Kai Ludwig, Germany, July 28, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Additional frequencies for Voice of Russia:

0600-1000 on 21800 NVS 250 kW / 145 deg to AUS in English

0900-1100 on 15700 SAM 250 kW / 284 deg to WeEu in German

(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria, 01 August via DXLD)

11840, August 1 at 1402, poor signal in English news, ending already at 1403.5 with outro, V of Russia ID. I thought they said Moe Udall had died, but it must have been Gore Vidal. Scheduled 14-16, 250 kW, 265 degrees from Pet/Kam, DVR (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAUDI ARABIA. 17625, July 27 at 1323, poor signal from BSKSA, but enough to tell it's buzzy, and carrier unstable, unlike better // 17615 Arabic. Neither is USward; HFCC shows 17625 12-14, 500 kW, 100 degrees from Riyadh; 17615 13-16, 500 kW, 190 degrees (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** SEALAND.** Sealand documentary

In Living Memory Wednesday 1 August 2012, 11:00 (BST) on BBC Radio 4

In 1966, a former pirate radio broadcaster, Major Paddy Roy Bates, occupied a disused military platform in the North Sea, and moved his family aboard. The next year he declared it to be the sovereign Principality of Sealand, appointing himself Prince Roy, and his wife, a former fashion model, as Princess Joan. Five decades on, the Bates family still occupy the platform, having survived the repeated attempts by the British government to evict them by legal means, and having fought off attempts by rival groups to seize the platform by force. It's a story of coups, counter-coups, guns, petrol bombs, and rival groups of foreign businessmen. Jolyon Jenkins interviews surviving witnesses to tell the story of this real life "Passport to Pimlico".

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0117w1p>

(via Mike Terry, England, July 29, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DXLD)

Yes a fascinating documentary well worth listening to, this is the direct link to the programme on the BBC iPlayer:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0117w1p/>

In_Living_Memory_Series_16_Episode_1/

(if the link doesn't work search for the programme name "In Living Memory") 73s (Dave Kenny, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

**** SERBIA** [non non]. At 1600 UT July 31, only an empty carrier on air here in Europe, in Germany S=9+25dB signal. Most likely IRS Stubline Serbia 17 kW movable unit on air on exact 9634.993 kHz, and a tiny peak string on even 9635 kHz, latter most probably from Chile ? 73 wolfy (Wolfgang B, schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Not Chile; CVC on 9635 cut back to only one hour 21-22. This was in reply to my 9634+ unID, q.v., but: (gh, DXLD)

Very interesting your observations about Serbia, but surely not my unID which was 988 Hz off frequency and Stubline you say is only 7. I also never hear that low-power unit over here in the mornings. Also, Chile has reduced 9635 usage to only one hour, 21-22. I still suspect my 9634.012 was the spur revived from Radio Australia. 73, (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

**** SINGAPORE** [and non]. 11965, July 27 at 1310, station in Chinese has distorted modulation, plus variable-pitch squeal depending on the modulation. During pauses, it stays at one pitch. Carrier itself is OK per BFO check. At 1332 this has cleared up.

HFCC shows DW has two separate transmissions in Chinese at 1300-1330 & 1330-1400 altho with identical parameters, 250 kW, 13 degrees also USward from Singapore. The separate entries may well be due to different transmitters normally employed for logistical reasons, also explaining the clearup.

BTW, Turkey in Russian is also registered this hour on 11965 from Emirler, unheard (nor any trace of 15450 English around 1235 today) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. 5019.95, SIBC Honiara, 1020 July 26, English; M announcer with talk; presumed BBCWS relay; weak but audible when 5025-Rebelde not blasting music (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, NH, NRD-545, MLB-1, 200i Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALIA [non]. 11990, CLANDESTINE (Somali), Radio Dansel (presumed) via Woofferton, 1856-1929*, Jul 28. Nice Horn of Africa vocals followed by long talk in presumed Somali language. More music but there were long breaks in the transmission. Poor to fair otherwise (Rich D'Angelo, Wyomissing PA 19610, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B, Eton E1, Eton E5, Alpha Delta DX Sloper, RF Systems Mini-Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

Dansel?? Maybe handwriting misconstrued. It's R. Damal as in Aoki: ``11990 R. Damal (V of Somali People) 1830-1930 1234567 Somali 300 122 Woofferton G 00243W 5219N DAM a12 BAB May 25-`` WRTM 2012 page 507 agrees it's Damal, and ``believed to be funded by China`` (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALILAND. [Re 12-30] Somaliland Sun article of yesterday (26 July) says the 100 kW transmitter will be on SW.

http://somalilandsun.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1186:somaliland-eid-ul-fitr-presidential-address-to-be-heard-on-radio-worldwide&catid=44:government

(Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Jari Savolainen [on DXLD] spotted this update on the Somaliland Sun website which says the new Chinese manufactured 100 kW transmitter will be on shortwave (41mb?) by the end of Ramadan (Aug 19?) (Alan Pennington, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

Totally unhelpful WTFK passage:

``This is according to the information ministry's director of

Technical services Eng. Ahmed Suleiman who also informed that the frequencies for radio Hargeisa will remain the same after installation of the new transmitter. Current frequencies are 641 Mband and 41Kh.

The British trained engineer said that though the signal will be received worldwide, it will be initially weak in the Far East, some parts of Europe and North America, where the signal will gradually gain strength as necessary adjustments are effected.``

7145 was their old frequency, but no longer apropos, altho why not from a rump state? IIRC, they also were previously allegedly on a frequency in the 7.5's, weren't they? (Glenn Hauser, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

If I remember correct these transmissions around 7.5 MHz took place before they installed in 2008 what had been reported as a 25 kW Elcor and operated on 7145 (perhaps at times 7140 instead), in fact not their old pre-1988 frequency which I see listed as 7120. 7145 was last reported in 2010 and no other frequency ever showed up, as if the transmitter had vaporized.

Could this crude reference to "641 Mband" mean DVB-T on E-42? DVB-T because 641 MHz would not be the video carrier frequency of an analogue operation. Or is it a completely messed up 693, listed as current mediumwave frequency? (Kai Ludwig, July 28, WORLD OF RADIO 1628, ibid.)

The 'adjustment' they need to effect if they really want to be heard in North America on the 7 MHz band is to broadcast in the local early morning when there is a darkness path USward, as they never did before, only in the local evenings (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

True. There seems to be pressure to get presidential speech broadcast over the new transmitter on Eid ul-Fitr which starts Friday, 17 August. We'll see what kind of output power and antenna arrangements they can get ready in such a hurry. I guess no proper 100 kW shortwave station can be set up within couple of weeks (Jari Savolainen, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

There was a flurry of argument in DXLD, etc., about what type of station the new 100 kW is to be. Today Jari Savolainen checked on the webpage of the Somaliland Sun. In that article it clearly states that the station will broadcast on SW. I will keep a watching brief on this. There still tend to be a healthy supply of SW capable receivers in Africa which would explain this decision - if it definitely has been taken. 73's (Dan Goldfarb, mwmasts yg via DXLD)

As Jari Savolainen noted today, the web newspaper *Somaliland Sun*, indicated that the new 100 kW transmitter being installed for Radio Hargeisa, will be operating on shortwave, and not on medium wave, as has been speculated. That is good news.

For nearly a week, I have been in contact with the Ministry of Information of Somaliland, the breakaway portion of Somalia, recognized by no foreign government, but a functioning entity, corresponding to the once-British Somaliland.

While there was a considerable *mana* factor to getting direct information, a meeting was convened by the Minister of Communications for all relevant persons on Thursday to answer the American's questions. Answers to those questions appeared in yesterday's *Somaliland Sun* (the editor of which attended the meeting.)

Specifically, the *Sun* story indicated it was, indeed, a 100 kW SW transmitter and it was made in China by BBEF. Further, that it is located within the (secure) perimeter of the Ministry of Information compound in Hargeisa.

Additionally, that the frequencies to be used in the future will remain the same as previously, rendered as *641 Mband* and *41KH*. This is, of course, a bit garbled, but must mean 641 KHz MW (2009 WRTH says R. Hargeisa MW was on 693 kHz, but perhaps later was changed to the current 641 kHz, which, it is complained, has a reception radius of only 40 miles. [641 would be between channels, surely a sore thumb to DX monitors --- gh])

The reference to *41KH* must certainly mean 41 meter band. In 2006, the official SW frequency was a nominal 7530 kHz. In 2008 an official announcement, web archived, indicated Radio Hargeisa was returning to SW on 7120 kHz, however, listeners in Europe and Australia (I don't believe in the US, though I am not positive of that) received Radio Hargeisa on 7145 kHz, seemingly the last reported receptions on SW. Technical problems soon resulted in the disappearance of SW.

So we are left to wonder if yesterday's announcement means Radio Hargeisa will be on 7530, 7120, 7145 kHz, or yet some other 41 MB freq. With other HoA SW outlets jumping around 41 meters, let's hope Radio Hargeisa will not choose a conflicting frequency. The inaugural broadcast is supposed to be a speech by the president to mark the Eid ul-Fitr holiday, that is the last day of the holy month of Ramadan.

That would seem to be Aug. 18. But presumably there must be testing at least a day or two before that. The 15 Chinese, plus locals, technicians will have their work cut out for them to hit that

deadline, since 13 of them only arrived in the country last Monday, July 23. The Sun article hints that an existing SW antenna will be used initially, supposedly limiting coverage to the region, with installation of a new antenna, favoring Europe and the U.S., rather than Asia, to follow in time.

For those who follow the NASWA Country List, this would represent the entry, Somali, Dem. Rep. British (British Somaliland) ñ the CLC will be considering a possible change in nomenclature in the future (Don Jensen, Kenosha WI, July 27, NASWA yg via DXLD)

I QSL'd Radio Hargeisa on Nov. 29, 2005, 7530 kHz with a composite report for several days of listening during somewhat favourable band conditions. Same with Radio Shabelle, Nov. 27, 2005, 6960.1 kHz (Steve Lare, Holland, MI USA, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. New transmissions of Brother Stair TOM via IRRS from August 1:
1400-1500 15215 TIG 100 kW / 100 deg to SoAs Daily
1700-1800 17770 TIG 100 kW / 187 deg to CeAf Sun-Fri
1700-1730 17770 TIG 100 kW / 187 deg to CeAf Sat
1730-1800 17770 TIG 100 kW / 187 deg to CeAf Sat other IRRS programs
1900-2000 7290 TIG 100 kW / 290 deg to WeEu Daily
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria, 01 August via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DXLD)

All transmissions of Brother Stair TOM via secret/hidden transmitter site SIE have been terminated from August 1:
0400-0600 on 15750 to EaAf Daily
0600-0700 on 15750 to EaAf Sat only
1600-1700 on 15425 to SoAs Sat only
1700-1800 on 15425 to SoAs Daily
1900-2200 on 9400 to WeEu Daily
2200-2300 on 9400 to WeEu Sat only
73! (Ivo Ivanov, August 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also ITALY [non]

** SPAIN [and non]. 17775-17880, July 27 at 1922, approximate extent of modulation spike spurs from REE Cariari, COSTA RICA relay on 17850, where the fundamental was distorted and somewhat undermodulated, again causing the spurs to ooze out around the edges.

Main victim: BBCWS on 17795, see U K. Next check 1942, splatter on the hi side up to 17955, now encompassing 17885 in Hausa, i.e. BBC via ASCENSION at 1930-2030. REE was talking about f'tbol and also the Olympix, maybe digression from own coverage of opening ceremony? At 2000, REE turns the noisemaking duties over to TDP DRM via GUF centered on 17875.

11880, July 29 at 1310, REE via COSTA RICA [q.v.] with 'Mundofonías' world-music show, from Italy, Morocco, Burkina Faso/New York, Portugal, Argentina, etc. Always a most enjoyable hour on Sunday mornings, with very good reception.

11880, July 31 at 1251, via COSTA RICA, REE is another station blowing away regular programming for Olympic coverage, at the moment rock music in English pause instead of Basque, VG here and also JBA on // 11910 via CHINA; at 1314, instead of 'Españoles en la Mar', ID in passing for 'Radio Thingo Olímpico' domestic network relay and more English rock music. Let the mariners sink; first things first! (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

RADIO EXTERIOR DE ESPAÑA CUBRE LOS JUEGOS OLIMPICOS EN ONDA CORTA Y EN IDIOMA ESPAÑOL

La emisora de ondas cortas Radio Exterior de España ofrecerá una completa información sobre los Juegos Olímpicos de Londres 2012, entre el 26 de julio y el 12 de agosto. Aparte de la información puntual en los boletines horarios y en los grandes informativos de la cadena, desde el día 26, conecto con Radio Nacional y Radio 5 para ofrecer, en directo de lunes a viernes, entre las 1305 y las 1400 horas, Tiempo Universal Coordinado, el programa especial Londres 2012, que dirige Chema Abad y que se realizará desde el IBC de la capital británica.

Con este motivo deja de emitirse, mientras duren los Juegos y a esa hora, el espacio 'Españoles en la mar', que sí continuará emitiéndose con normalidad en su habitual horario de madrugada, a las 0305 horas, Tiempo Universal Coordinado.

También se dará cumplida información sobre los Juegos en Radiogaceta de los Deportes, que amplía su horario en esas mismas fechas, pasando a emitirse entre las 1830 y las 2000, Tiempo Universal Coordinado. Los oyentes que sintonizan Radio Exterior de España desde América Centro y Sur a través de la frecuencia de 17715 Khz, y desde África Ecuatorial, desde la frecuencia de 17755 Khz, escucharán a las 1830 UT, el programa Paisajes y Sabores, con el que se cierran dichas emisiones.

Los fines de semana del 4 y 5 y 11 y 12 de agosto, se ofrecerá información de los Juegos Olímpicos en el programa Avance Deportivo, que se emitirá de 1230 a 1300 UT, así como en el espacio Tablero Deportivo Especial Olímpico, que se emitirá con este motivo entre las 1830 y las 2000 UT (via GRA blog via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DXLD)

17595, July 31 at 2130 amid REE's Portuguese service, YL announcer with the distinctive hypernasal Brazilian voice introduces program in Castilian, 'Sobre la Mesa' starting after the auto timesignal. Was there more Portuguese later? Supposedly lasts an hour until 2200.

As for Olympix replacing 'Españoles en la Mar' as heard after 1300 on 11880 via Costa Rica, et al., the GRA blog reports the REE Olympic schedule is: M-F 1305-1400 (but EELM will continue to be heard on what had been its repeat at 0305). Another O segment is 1830-2000 daily on some frequencies, but not 17715 or 17755 (I think, except included on weekends). Sats & Suns Aug 4/5 and 11/12, also at 1230-1300. Some of these are already sports blox (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA [and? non]. Dear Glenn, Re 12-30: ``VT Music`` is not Voice of Tigers Music. It is filler music of Babcock (ex. Merlin music, ex. VT music). From this, it is thought with "Voice of the Tigers" via Babcock (S. Hasegawa, Japan, July 27, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

VOT was heard on 12140 last sat 21 July at around 1620 UT (1530 onwards open carrier); didn't check on Thu, July 26.

Quoting from IDXCI FB Group, July 21:

Brijesh EP --- New Schedule for Voice of Tigers - Clandestine Radio targeting Sri Lanka [1530-1630] Tamil - 12140 kHz Tashkent (100 KW) Thu, Sat Monitored today 21.07.2012 [Sat] from 1530 UT, after few minutes a Strong Signal (no programming, only signal) covers this frequency. [WORLD OF RADIO 1628]

Alokesh Gupta: open carrier today, did u hear them on thu ?

July 21 at 9:35pm Brijesh EP: Little bit.

July 21 at 9:38pm Alokesh Gupta Audio came at around 1620z, was off the shack. 73 Alokesh (all via Gupta, dxldyg via DXLD)

So there we have a site, Tashkent, and supposedly two broadcasts on Thursdays and Saturdays. This intermittent music still smax of SLBC jamming like was the case on 12250 and 12225, rather than V. of Tigers. But if it's the well-known BaBcoCk fill music loop as often heard on many sites, such as South Africa, Sackville, then that would be a VOT transmission but lacking any VOT to transmit. Anyhow, be sure to check it this Saturday at 1530-1630 (Glenn Hauser, July 27, ibid.)

12140, re last report of non-reception of Tamil Tigers clandestine here, David Kernick says he was not hearing it either at 1530 last Sunday thru Friday, even using remote receivers. Alokesh Gupta says, ``Scheduled on Saturdays only as mentioned on their website [in Tamil], confirmed by Jaisakthivel, July 9`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1626, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re: Voice of Tigers, 12140 kHz on 21 Jul. at 1530 UT.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zxhe5T7P9WU>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dcagZH8mGYI&feature=watch_response

(S. Hasegawa, Japan, one week later, July 28, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12140 kHz s/on at 1531 UT in Tamil (S. Hasegawa, 1534 UT July 28, ibid.)

Strong here on Anglesey; lots of shouting! (Mark (Davies, Wales, 1554 UT July 28, ibid.)

I'm hearing this too (via Global Tuners HK rx), same programme as on the webstream but about a minute BEHIND it (Dave Kernick, ibid.)

12140 kHz, Tamil revolutionary song played. In between they broadcast news. Tamil Nadu major party politician VaiKo spoke about his support to the procession in London. they don't allow Sri Lankan players To play in London Olympics (Jaisakthivel, ADXC, India, 1559 UT, ibid.)

Who are 'they'? Surely not the IOC. There is certainly an SL delegation, but hard for us to tell if any of them are Tamils. Is it Tamils from Sri Lanka that are not allowed by the SL government? There are seven athletes pictured and named here:

<http://www.london2012.com/country/sri-lanka/athletes/>

(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

<http://www.salem-news.com/articles/july282012/sri-lanka-olympics.php>

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/politics/london-2012-uk-tamil-community-set-for-mass-protests-as-sri-lankas-controversial-president-confirms-he-will-attend-olympics-7976331.html>

<http://sports.dailymirror.lk/2012/07/26/tamil-diaspora-to-protest-against-lankans-at-london-olympics/>

(via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, dxldyg via DXLD)

** SUDAN. 7200.02, R. Omdurman, On the air late today at 0301:14 with news by M already in progress. The Detroit ham said a "commercial broadcasting station" was coming on and "pounding in my radio" at 0301:40!! In the clear then. (23 July) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D and Perseus SDR, T2FD antenna, HCDX via DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. 15540-15560, July 26 at 0450, extremely loud distorted strong S9+20 FMy signal in Arabish, with humbuzz, centered 15550 but extending at least 10 kHz both sides. It's slightly more readable by slope-tuning plus or minus 5 or so. My first guess was Iran, but that's not on 15550 until 0630 in Albanian.

Then at 0514 I hear Radio Dabanga mentioned, and that's what's scheduled now per HFCC as PNW [Press Now, Netherlands]: 0400-0557, 500 kW, 225 degrees via Dhabayya, UAE. Normally 15550 is barely audible, and this time the Madagascar relay of same on 15400 is abnormally weak and undermodulated. I would almost have thought it was the MDC transmitter malfunctioning; if so it happens to block their other relay! Saudi Qur'an was audible on 15170, but nowhere near as strong as the 15550 blob.

15550, July 27 at 0526, no R. Dabanga blob tonight, unlike 24 hours earlier; in fact no signal audible at all, if the UAE relay is really on, while 15400 via Madagascar is back to usual sufficiency (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN SOUTH [non]. 15725, V. of South Sudan Revolutionary Radio via Dushanbe. African music & dialogue 1509, 28/7 (Phil Ireland, Bathurst NSW (Tecsun S2000, Grundig Satellit 750, G5RV, August Australian DX News via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DXLD)

Where does he get Dushanbe? Aoki! Where does Aoki get that? Who knows? Now shows: ``15725 Voice of South Sudan Rev. R. 0500-0800 1234567 Sudanese 500 267 Dushanbe-Orzu TJK 06842E 3732N SSR Jun. 2,7-`` And a separate entry for English at 0505-0535 on same, tho English is sporadic.

Still not in HFCC, and EiBi lists but with no site guessed. From reception here at 0500, it's my feeling that it is not as far away as Tajikistan. Reception was not so good July 29 when Iran was making it on 15480, for instance; and never any polar flutter on 15725 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15725, Voice of South Sudan Revolutionary Radio, *0500:34-0510, July 28, sign on with African tribal music. IDs. African vocals. Talk in listed Arabic. Fair to good (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15725, July 28 at 0506, V. of South Sudan Revolutionary Radio at S9+12 with best signal here in quite a while, tho fluttery, opening procedure including chanting. Better than 15580 VOA Botswana, but weaker than Dabanga/Madagascar 15400 which has a direxional advantage (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

TAJIKISTAN, 15725, Voice of South Sudan Revolut Radio in English, but mostly on Sudanese Arabic, talk by two men at 0750 UT July 31. S=8-9 signal here on sidelobe path in Germany. Orzu-TJK 500 kW power house at 267 degrees from TJK (Wolfgang B, schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 31, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SURINAME. Caros amigos, Seguem os dados das escutas em ondas tropicais processadas nos últimos dias:

4990, 27/05 [sic], 0827, R. Apintie, Paramaribo, jingle da emissora with voz robotizada, 35443. J. as emissoras Voice of Guyana e Radio Apintie foram captadas com uma qualidade muito acima da média. Alguns dos áudios das escutas estão disponíveis em breve em meu blog. O jingle da Radio Apintie j. foi separado e é bastante curioso. Parece coisa de FM dos anos 80. :-)

Equipamento utilizado:

Receptor Quicksilver QS1R

Antena Beverage 100 metros

Pré-amplificador Clifton Laboratories Z10046A

Local das escutas: Guaratã/SP

73 (Ivan Dias Jr. - Sorocaba/SP, Aug 1, <http://ivandias.wordpress.com> radioiescutas yg via DXLD) ``in the last few days`` so must have meant dates to be July instead of May (gh, DXLD)

** SYRIA. 9330.00, 2150-2235 28.07, R Damascus, Adra, English talk with Arab string music in background, news summary, but the modulation was so poor, that only a few words could be caught! 2200 hymn, ID and schedule in Spanish, another ID: "Radio Dimasque [sic] de la República de Syria", talk about Syria and Palestina, transmitter fall out for 3 minutes, "Boletín de información", songs. Obviously the same old transmitter with a very strong signal (S 9+30 dB), but severe transmitter hum and poor modulation, 53242. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, heard in Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD) The Spanish version of Damascus, Syria is normally Damasco, Siria (gh, DXLD)

** SYRIA. Syrian frequencies --- I spotted Syrian state TV at 1547 GMT today showing a mockup of an old-fashioned radio dial. It then aired captions giving various frequencies for the General Programme. One of my colleagues translated these as below. (I have put them in frequency order, with my comments in brackets.)

AM

567 - for southern Syria, Jordan and Palestine (WRTH says this is Adra)

747 - northern Syria, parts of central Syria and the coast (WRTH = Sarakeb)

783 - the coasts of Syria and Lebanon, northern Libya and northern Egypt (WRTH = Tartus)

828 - eastern Syria (WRTH = Deir er-Zor)

918 - northeast Syria (WRTH = Al-Hassake)

936 - Homs and Hama region (WRTH = Homs)

FM

89.0 - for Tartus, Homs and northern Lebanon (WRTH = Nabi Saleh)

89.4 - Al-Malikiyah, Al-Hasakah (Al-Hassake) and northern Iraq

89.4 - Ayn al-Arab and southern Turkey

89.9 - Al-Hasakah (WRTH = Al-Hassake) and Al-Qamishili

89.9 - Yabrud and the Homs-Damascus road

90.0 - Dayr al-Zawr and Al-Mayadin

92.6 - Al-Suwayda (WRTH = Sweida), Dar'a, Al-Qunaytirah and northern Jordan

93.0 - southern Turkey, northern Aleppo and Idlib

93.5 - Damascus, Al-Suwayda, Al-Qunaytirah, Dar'a, the Biqa plain in Lebanon, northwest Jordan and northern Palestine (WRTH = Bloudan)

94.9 - for the Syrian coast and Al-Ghab Plain (WRTH = Slenfe)

95.5 - Damascus, Dar'a, Al-Qunaytirah, and Al-Suwayda (WRTH = Damascus)

96.1 - Aleppo and Idlib (WRTH = Aleppo)

103.7 - Al-Raqqah (WRTH = Raqqah)

Note: For over a week, Syrian state TV has been warning viewers that its satellite frequencies might be "hijacked" or replaced by "false" channels that would air incorrect news of a coup or defections. If such a situation arose, viewers have been advised to watch the TV via terrestrial transmissions or to listen to the news from the radio in Damascus (Chris Greenway, UK, July 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thanks, Chris for that list; I gave it a try last night and I confirm all frequencies mentioned are carrying the General Program of R. Damascus. 936 starts at 2000 UT, 918 I had to wait till 0200 to confirm it is working But, that leaves one Q open. I picked up 666 a few days back with some patriotic songs for Syria; wonder why did they skip that one? (Tarek Zeidan, Cairo, Egypt, July 28, ibid.)

Probably because 666 kHz is Voice of the People -prgr frequency. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, ibid.)

Radio Damascus puts a strong signal with relatively decent modulation on 9330 kHz. Right now in English with "News and views from Damascus Radio" and an oriental song at 2125 UTC, 28 July 2012. S=4. 73, (Eike Bierwirth, Leipzig / Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Tempting, but not even tried here as the FCC in its wisdom placed a US SW station on the same frequency, long before Assad became a bad guy (gh, DXLD)

It didn't last. Some spot observations of 9330 yesterday (30 July):

1600 - scheduled sign-on time, but nothing heard.
1640 - strong carrier comes on, after three abortive attempts, with no audio except a hum.
1642 - hum disappears, replaced by very low audio of speech, completely unintelligible.
1658 - national anthem, recognisable as such, but at very low level. Followed by Russian at very low level.
1756 - carrier cutting out every few seconds. When on, Russian audio is just about intelligible.
2000 - no sign of a carrier at scheduled start of first English transmission.

Separately, a photo at <http://twitter.com/Nora0315/status/229266269222866944/photo/1> shows what is said to be the rebel flag flying on top of the telecommunications tower in Aleppo (Chris Greenway, UK, July 31, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SYRIA. In addition to the frequencies for the General Programme (above), the TV gave the following lists for the Voice of the People and Voice of Youth:

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

AM

594 - for central Syria
666 - southern Syria
918 - northeast Syria
954 - eastern Syria
1314 - northern Syria

FM

87.8 - for Al-Suwayda, Dar'a, Al-Qunaytirah and northern Jordan
90.3 - southern Turkey, northern Aleppo and Idlib
91.7 - the Syrian coast and Al-Ghab plain
92.1 - Al-Malikiyah, Al-Hasakah and northern Iraq
93.0 - Al-Hasakah and Al-Qamishli
93.0 - Tartus, Homs and northern Lebanon
94.1 - Dayr al-Zawr and Al-Mayadin
96.9 - Al-Raqqah
98.0 - Ayn al-Arab and southern Turkey
98.3 - Damascus, Dar'a, Al-Qunaytirah and Al-Suwayda
99.4 - Aleppo and Idlib

VOICE OF YOUTH

AM - no frequencies given.

FM

87.8 - for Dayr al-Zawr and Al-Mayadin
88.6 - the Syrian coast and Al-Ghab plain
88.7 - Damascus, Dar'a, Al-Qunaytirah and Al-Suwayda
89.9 - Aleppo and Idlib
92.6 - Abu-Kamal and western Iraq
93.0 - Yabrud and the Damascus-Homs road
93.7 - Al-Raqqah
95.5 - Tartus
96.6 - southern Turkey, northern Aleppo and Idlib
96.7 - Damascus, Al-Suwayda, Al-Qunaytirah, Dar'a, the Biqa valley in Lebanon, northwest Jordan and northern Palestine
98.8 - Tartus, Homs and northern Lebanon
99.0 - Al-Malikiyah, Al-Hasakah and northern Iraq
99.3 - Homs
99.5 - Al-Hasakah and Al-Qamishli
100.9 - Al-Suwayda, Dar'a, Al-Qunaytirah and northern Jordan
105.1 - Ayn al-Arab and southern Turkey
(via Chris Greenway, UK, July 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello DXers, Once again Thanks Chris for this list. As I'm writing this (1820 UT) I noticed that 666 is relaying the audio carrier of Syrian TV with the news. I checked the rest of the list but no luck, maybe late night tonight (Tarek Zeidan, Cairo, Egypt, ibid.)

** TAIWAN [and non]. On 1 August, RTI will commemorate 84 years of activity. To celebrate the date, the Spanish section has organized a contest, ``A message to RTI`. Until 15 July, listeners should send messages expressing their sentiments about the station, directly to rti@rti.org.tw The first 84 messages reaching the editors will be published on the site and the senders will receive souvenirs from RTI (C  lio Romais, Panorama DX via June Atividade DX print bulletin, translated by gh for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Also for other languages? That makes 1928y when the station allegedly started, certainly not under present name or ``country`. Can they top starting as a clandestine in a cave like what is now CRI? (gh, DXLD)

7570, July 31 at 0456 check, RTI via WYFR is still in wrong 0400 language, English instead of Spanish; had not checked for a few nights, but likely has continued so thruout (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9465, WYFR/R. Taiwan Int'l, Paochung/Tainan, 1054-1102 July 27, English; Religious music; WYFR URL at 1055; ID & IS at 1058; 3+1 pips at ToH, seamlessly into RTI s/on announcement and W announcer with news & soundbites mentioning Thailand & economic prospects; poor-fair (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, NH, NRD-545, MLB-1, 200  Beverages,

60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11605.106, Radio Taiwan International from Tainan site, in probably Japanese language program at 0802 UT July 30, poor and much fluttery signal on Australian remote unit.

11894.989, YFR Family Radio Korean service, via Taipei-TWN relay site, S=8-9 fair signal into remote unit in Australia at 0810 UT on July 30 (Wolfgang Bueschel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 30, dxldyg via DXLD)

** TATARSTAN [non]. RUSSIA, 15110, Tatarstan Wave. Signal on at 0347:57, and program start up at 0410:15 with pleasant instrumental music that matched up perfectly with recording on Interval Signals Online, and brief ID announcement by W with mention of "programma". Then instrumental music and talk by M and W. Nowhere near strong enough to copy. Signal off at 0500. Glad to finally ID this. (29 July) (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D and Perseus SDR, T2FD antenna, HCDX via DXLD)

** TIBET [and non]. IN TIBET, WORD-OF-MOUTH EXTENDS BBG'S REACH
Rajesh Srinivasan, Ph.D., Principal, Gallup
<http://www.bbg.gov/press-release/in-tibet-word-of-mouth-extends-bbgs-reach/>

Word-of-mouth networks are the most trusted sources of information in Tibet, and are key to extending the reach of Radio Free Asia and the Voice of America in the region, according to new data issued by the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) and Gallup.

Individuals who function as information nodes spreading news and information throughout their communities are of critical importance to U.S. international broadcasting, said Bruce Sherman, the Director of Strategy and Development for the BBG.

VIEW THE PRESENTATION

The BBG, in partnership with Gallup, presented the findings about Tibetan sources of news and information from a survey of Tibetan travelers gathered during the Dalai Lama's recent Kalachakra teachings in Bodhgaya, India.

The new data shows that Tibetans are spreading news and information that they hear from RFA and VOA with others in their community on a regular basis. The study said Tibetans take pride in sharing the news, and they share it actively within their trusted social circles. While 89% of Tibetan travelers surveyed had televisions in their homes, none considered any official Chinese state media outlet their main reliable news source. Nearly three quarters (74%) say other people are their top source for reliable news. Asked to name up to three reliable

sources of news and information, 94% named word-of-mouth sources.

The findings were gathered by Gallup during face-to-face interviews with 117 subjects reached during the Dalai Lama's recent Kalachakra teachings in Bodhgaya, India, between December 25, 2011 and January 15, 2012. Respondents included travelers coming from Amdo, Kham, and Utsang regions of Tibet.

Gatherings such as these provide us with a unique opportunity to understand the changes that are taking place in how Tibetans access and share news amongst themselves," said Rajesh Srinivasan, Principal Researcher at Gallup.

The study also shows new possibilities for mobile phones and other digital media for disseminating news and information. Texting has become a common mode of communication in Tibet, with more than four out of 10 (44%) of those surveyed reporting that they had sent or received texts on their mobile phones.

Research is critical to fulfilling our mission of fostering free, open, democratic societies through free press and free expression," said Sherman.

The BBG's global audience research program is conducted in partnership with Gallup and is a valuable informational asset for the current and future operations of the agency's broadcasts in 59 languages to more than 100 countries.

Today the BBG broadcasters offer around-the-clock coverage of events of interest to Tibetans, including shortwave services seven days a week, audio programming by satellite, television broadcasts, and online content. RFA and VOA have been leaders in covering the ongoing crackdown on Tibetan protests, as well as political, religious and human rights developments affecting the Tibet Autonomous Region and Tibetan Autonomous Prefectures.

The research presentation is available here:
http://www.bbg.gov/wp-content/media/2012/07/BBG_research_Tibet_presentation_FINAL.pdf

A video of the presentation and subsequent discussion will be posted in the coming days (via Dr Hansjoerg Biener, DXLD)

** TUNISIA. 7275, RTV Tunisia. Signal on at 0352:54. Program start at 0357:48 with piano and canned announcement by M, not an ID. Arabic music filler, nice Arabic ID by M at 0402:25, music fanfare and talk by M. (23 July) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D and Perseus SDR, T2FD antenna, HCDX via DXLD)

** TURKEY. T<RKIYE: 15520, Voice of Turkey; *1630-1640+, 30-July; S/on oops? OC up at 1630:20 & audio in progress at 1630:30 with sked, ID, addys, program notes; 1632 M&W news -- all on the mess in Syria till bumper at 1637 then more news. All in English. SIO=252+; lost audio at 1638:20; OC off 1638:52-1639:13 and audio back up at 1639:21. Only a slight hint of a carrier on 9785 at 1830 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UKRAINE. New NRCU website. New website of the Ukrainian Radio:
<<http://radioukr.com.ua>> with some unexpected "specials":

first, the display show just how many people hear the various programs online, on the other English version
<<http://radioukr.com.ua/index.php?id=162>>
<<http://radioukr.com.ua/en/>>
a menu list of CIRAF reception areas and if you click it, you get (obviously) "Reception is not guaranteed" as a result.

The audio files of Ukrainian only RUI programs are back again, i.e. the disappearance of the old site had something to do with this move.
<radioukr.com.ua/en/157> access via English language website too.
<radioukr.com.ua/ua/17> Ukrainian language website.

otherwise the user interface is still very, very bumpy. The use procedure of NRCU Kiev websites should be very much improved in future. Start/click the Live Stream WMV format 48 or 128 kb/s is functioning very well when use MS W7 WMP is in standard use at PC file allocation set.

VLC restrictions: But is bumpy when VLC media player Web Plugin is switched between in Firefox. Then use clipboard to transfer URL address directly as:

<<http://pp.wi.com.ua/NRCU1?WMContentBitrate=2000000>>

Thanks to members help of NetRadio ng in Austria.

(Wolfgang B,schel, July 22, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 27 via DXLD)

** U K. OFF-BEAT: THE SOUNDS OF BUSH HOUSE

A BBC World Service studio manager has created music from the sounds of the Bush House building itself. A hauntological last hurrah! We thought a newscast would be the last sounds from Bush House, but we were wrong...

<http://thequietus.com/articles/09535-robin-the-fog-bbc-world-service-interview>
(Rich Cuff, PA, July 31, NASWA yg via DXLD)

** U K. Attn Hams: LONDON OLYMPICS SPECIAL EVENTS STATION

For you hams out there, I thought you might be interested in the Special Events Station that is operating from the London Olympics. Looks like they have a pretty elaborate setup. Here is a link to their webpage:

<http://www.2o12l.com/index.php?page=operating>
[that's two-oscar-one-two-london]

73, (Rene' Tetro, W2FIL, Lansdale, PA, Director of Engineering, WFIL-WNTP, Philadelphia, July 28, ABDX via DXLD)

** U K [and non]. 17795, July 27 at 1923, this is the 'best' frequency from BBCWS during presumed live coverage of the Olympic opening ceremony, but it is insufficient, made worse by the spurs from 17850 Spain via Costa Rica. Per HFCC, this transmission only started July 20, at 18-20, 170 degrees from Woofferton, but I'm sure I was hearing it before that date; maybe there was some modification, or hiatus. Also on 17795 at 16-18, 55 degrees via Ascension.

BTW, posters to internetradio are saying that BBCWS has suspended on-demand access even to news programming, as Olympic rights issues trump everything. (Fortunately I am still getting Prom Concerts OD from BBCR3, an every-summer event in London; I just hope they don't ever mention the Games.)

NBC-TV in the USA makes us wait until 'prime time' to see the OOC, and as they always do, give certain unlucky strings of parading nations short-shrift due to commercial breaks, instead of just 'stopping tape' and resuming where they broke off, as would have been entirely feasible on a long-delayed broadcast. At least instead of skipping them completely, each time they did a quick recap of the victims, with no closeups of the often elaborate costumes, and few banal geographical titbits for ignorant Americans, until picking up further down the line with [non] 'live' coverage (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. Archive Recordings --- Hi there, Just to let you know some recordings of 80's landbased pirates have been uploaded to the pirates archive. They are from my all time favourite stations of the time and on playback I actually remember hearing one of these shows live at the time all those years ago! JFM, Horizon Radio and LWR.

I used to go to gigs when CJ Carlos was on the decks.

<http://www.thepiratearchive.net/london.html>

Coming soon Solar Radio and Kiss FM from the pirate days.

Great Memories, Microwave links bouncing off Crystal Palace tower and all the stations in the same street. A girlfriend of mine's Mum back then was involved with them (Gary Drew, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

** U S A. 5446.5-USB, FLORIDA, American Forces Network (via USN NAR facilities), Saddlebunch Keys. 1906 July 29, 2012. Excellent with string of PSA's, into iThe Car Showî at 1908, parallel same site 7811.00-USB. The 12133-USB third Saddlebunch channel has been silent for ages (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, FL, JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Sony ICF-7600GR; Sangean PR-D5; Aqua Guide 705 RDF Marine Radio; GE Superadio III; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X room random wire; Terk Advantage non-active portable loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No it hasn't; maybe skipping over you? There it is, 12133.5-USB, July 31 at 0118 check (Glenn Hauser, OK, DXLD) Viz.:

12133.5-USB, July 31 at 0118, and 0501 quick check during news, AFN, Saddlebunch Keys FL is active, altho someone in Florida just reported it has been missing from this frequency; maybe skips over (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. 15090, July 31 at 1352, very poor, weak talk and singing, chanting, no perceptible break at hourtop. No doubt it's IBB's R. Azadi = R. Free Afghanistan via KUWAIT, supposed to switch from Pashto to Dari at 1400, after which I did take it as Farsish. Aoki shows the two languages alternating 0830-1430, then R. Ashna doing the same until 1630, all via Kuwait except 0830-0930 Thailand. However, HFCC shows since 9 June that hour is also via Kuwait.

It's rather strange that IBB would invade the off-route aeronautical band below 15100, otherwise inhabited only by Egypt and India, and pirates. BTW, India is finally showing up in HFCC A-12. You can't tell me there are no other available frequencies up to 15850. I bet IBB would never allow it from Greenville. Are there just no real aero users of the 15090 area to object?

15470, August 1 at 1315 for at least a few minutes, a steady open carrier with slight hum, no doubt Greenville-B tuneup for much later VOA broadcast, as often happens around this hour.

17530, July 29 at 1409 good signal in English, mentioning being ``doomed by the demonic``, and gun control, so a US gospel huxter? No, it must be VOA, as soon found // 15580 which is slightly behind. Yet both are listed this hour as S,,o TomÉ. Suspect Greenville-B is substituting on 17530 today, also accounting for this unusually good signal, along with sporadic E into VHF (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. Frequency changes of IBB:
Voice of America in Kinyarwanda
0330-0400 NF 9815 SAO 100 kW / 100 deg, ex 11905 IRA

Voice of America in Somali

0330-0400 NF 11905 IRA 250 kW / 275 deg, ex 6135 SA0

Voice of America in Tibetan from August 1:

0000-0100 on 7250 KWT 250 kW / 080 deg, ex Daily now Sat/Sun
0000-0100 NF 7485 KWT 250 kW / 080 deg, ex 7250 Mon/Wed/Fri
0000-0100 NF 7525 KWT 250 kW / 080 deg, ex 7250 Tue/Thu
0300-0400 NF 15485 UDO 250 kW / 313 deg, ex 15265 Mon
0300-0400 NF 15130 UDO 250 kW / 313 deg, ex 15265 Tue
0300-0400 NF 15135 UDO 250 kW / 313 deg, ex 15265 Wed
0300-0400 NF 15220 UDO 250 kW / 313 deg, ex 15265 Thu
0300-0400 NF 15410 UDO 250 kW / 313 deg, ex 15265 Fri
0300-0400 NF 15430 UDO 250 kW / 313 deg, ex 15265 Sat
0300-0400 NF 15470 UDO 250 kW / 313 deg, ex 15265 Sun
0400-0500 NF 15295 UDO 250 kW / 313 deg, ex 15265 Mon
0400-0500 NF 15345 UDO 250 kW / 313 deg, ex 15265 Tue
0400-0500 NF 15410 UDO 250 kW / 313 deg, ex 15265 Wed
0400-0500 NF 15470 UDO 250 kW / 313 deg, ex 15265 Thu
0400-0500 NF 15510 UDO 250 kW / 313 deg, ex 15265 Fri
0400-0500 NF 15155 UDO 250 kW / 313 deg, ex 15265 Sat
0400-0500 NF 15205 UDO 250 kW / 313 deg, ex 15265 Sun
0500-0600 NF 17490 UDO 250 kW / 324 deg, ex 17735 Mon/Wed/Fri
0500-0600 NF 17620 UDO 250 kW / 324 deg, ex 17735 Tue/Thu
0500-0600 NF 17685 UDO 250 kW / 324 deg, ex 17735 Sat
0500-0600 NF 17820 UDO 250 kW / 324 deg, ex 17735 Sun

1400-1500 NF 15280 UDO 250 kW / 321 deg, ex 11510 Daily
1400-1500 NF 17490 LAM 100 kW / 077 deg, ex 17730 Mon/Wed/Fri
1400-1500 NF 17620 LAM 100 kW / 077 deg, ex 17730 Tue/Thu
1400-1500 NF 17685 LAM 100 kW / 077 deg, ex 17730 Sat
1400-1500 NF 17820 LAM 100 kW / 077 deg, ex 17730 Sun
1600-1700 NF 17885 BIB 100 kW / 085 deg, ex 17670 Mon
1600-1700 NF 17485 BIB 100 kW / 085 deg, ex 17670 Tue
1600-1700 NF 17605 BIB 100 kW / 085 deg, ex 17670 Wed
1600-1700 NF 17625 BIB 100 kW / 085 deg, ex 17670 Thu
1600-1700 NF 17880 BIB 100 kW / 085 deg, ex 17670 Fri
1600-1700 NF 17630 BIB 100 kW / 085 deg, ex 17670 Sat
1600-1700 NF 17870 BIB 100 kW / 085 deg, ex 17670 Sun

Radio Free Asia in Burmese from August 1:

0030-0130 NF 9510 IRA 250 kW / 057 deg, ex 17835 SAI

Radio Farda in Farsi

0500-0530 NF 13860 LAM 100 kW / 092 deg, ex 17840 BIB

Radio Liberty in Russian

1200-1400 NF 12025 LAM 100 kW / 055 deg, ex 7330 LAM

(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria, 01 August via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. Yesterday Received:

1x RFA QSL depicting IBB Tinian 1503 kHz MW via Taiwan Vietnamese

June 30, 2012, 1400 UTC

3x London Olympic Card for

July 3, 2012 - 1730 UTC 9905 kHz Mandarin via Palau,

July 4, 2012 - 0130 UTC on 17730 kHz Tibetan via Ulanbator,

July 4, 2012 - 500 UTC 15635 kHz Mandarin via Dushanbe-Yangiyul

Palau is my 68th Country confirmed, but sadly RFA doesn't mark non IBB relay stations with specific site name (only ticks on Asia). I write down the site name by myself for reference. I will soon hunt for Radio Japan & KHBN QSL via Palau too for a perfect verification card :)
(Partha Sarathi Goswami, Siliguri, W.B., India, July 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WORLD OF RADIO 1627 monitoring: first airing confirmed on WRMI webcast, UT Thursday July 26 at 0330; inaudible on 9955 tho not too much jamming. Further times on 9955: Sat 0800, 1500, 1730, Sun 0800, 1530, 1730, Mon 0500, 1130. Plus many more webcasts-only.

On WTWW: Thu 2100 on 9479, UT Sun 0400 on 5755

On WWRB: UT Fri 0330v on 5050

On WBCQ Area 51: UT Sat 0130v on 5110v-CUSB

On HLR (low power in Germany): Sat 0630 on 7265, Tue 0930 on 5980

Also on WRN via SiriusXM 120: Sat & Sun 1730, Sun 0830

WORLD OF RADIO 1627 monitoring: Thu July 26 2100 airing on WTWW 9479 confirmed around 2125 check, inbooming. Next airing, 0330v on WWRB 5050: tuned in around 0324 and only heard dead air. Finally at 0333, WOR could barely be heard, undermodulated, and seemingly with another carrier interfering.

Next: 0130v UT Saturday on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v-CUSB

0400 UT Sunday on WTWW 5755

On WRMI 9955: Sat 0800, 1500, 1730, Sun 0800, 1530, 1730, Mon 0500, 1130.

On Hamburger Lokalradio, low power in Germany: Sat 0630 7265, Tue 0930 5980.

Also on WRN via SiriusXM 120: Sat & Sun 1730, Sun 0830. Full sked:

<http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html>

WORLD OF RADIO 1627 monitoring: confirmed UT Saturday July 28 at 0130 on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v-CUSB. First checked webcast for prompt start, and later in the semihour 5110: fortunately the USB avoided the ute QRM on the LSB. Next airings:

Sat 1730, Sun 0800, 1530, 1730, Mon 0500, 1130 on WRMI 9955.

UT Sun 0400 on WTWW 5755

Tue 0930 on HLR 5980

Also on WRN via SiriusXM 120: Sat & Sun 1730, Sun 0830

WORLD OF RADIO 1627 monitoring: confirmed at 0400 UT Sunday July 29 on 5755, WTWW. Remaining repeats on WRMI 9955: Sun 1730, Mon 0500, 1130

WORLD OF RADIO 1628 monitoring: ready in time for first airing on WRMI, UT Thursday August 2 at 0330: but unable to ftp file due to computer problems at the Hialeah transmitter site. Jeff White says engineer got out there ASAP and rebooted so WOR finally played intact starting at 0352; until then, the webcast was running silent, and 9955 never checked. Better luck we hope on the 9955 repeats:
Sat 0800, 1500, 1730; Sun 0800, 1530, 1730; Mon 0500, 1130 (plus many more webcasts, such as Thu 1500, confirmed)

On WTWW: Thu 2100 on 9479, UT Sun 0400 on 5755

On WWRB: UT Fri 0330v on 5050

On WBCQ: UT Sat 0130v on 5110v-CUSB Area 51

On HLR: Sat 0630 on 7265, Tue 0930 on 5980

On WRN via SiriusXM 120: Sat & Sun 1730, Sun 0830

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WTWW update from George McClintock July 27: #3 transmitter has been down because of shorted insulators on the feedline, one and then another. Not sure why, but more likely to happen when powered up higher than 50 kW. He is going out again today to replace it and should be back on 12105 shortly.

This transmitter is breaking even, but most of the revenue comes from the 24/7 SFAW on #1, 9479/5755. Still waiting to conclude another full-time contract for #2, 9990/5085. Once that's on, will start working on acquiring and installing #4 transmitter. That could be either another fulltime client or selling individual time blocks.

Says he has spare parts on hand for just about everything in the three transmitters, including the SW-100; Harris is no longer making any, but he bought up what supply was left. This reliability is a good selling point, able to make repairs quickly (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12105, July 27 at 1917, WTWW-3 is back on after missing a few days, in Arabic, but noticeably weaker than neighbor 12160 WWCRC. Must be keeping below 50 kW threshold to avoid burning out another insulator on rhombic antenna. George McClintock sent some photos showing him removing the bad one, apparently not replacing it as they are just spaced every so often along the lines. I suppose that's OK as long as there are no heavy winds to short the wires together. Previous short

caused some grassfires underneath, so this is a serious matter.

12105, July 29 at 0449 check, no signal from WTWW-3 which normally cuts off at 0500.

12105, July 30 at 1943, WTWW-3 is on in Arabic, but poor signal vs 12160 WWCW VG, so must be on much reduced power (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 5109.74, 0020-0035 Thursday 26.07, WBCQ, Monticello, Maine, English religious ann with a hymn singing in background. Former schedule was Sat/Sun only! 35233 (Anker Petersen, here in Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD) Went daily several weeks ago (gh)

9330-CUSB, July 26 at 0457, WBCQ with open carrier/dead air instead of Radio 2:11/Good Friends Radio Network; still so at 0507 and next check 1149. Was it silent all night? 1312 still OC, but 1313 audio comes up for a bit, off again at 1316, so it may be quite intermittent.

9330-CUSB, August 1 at 1257 and still at 1407, open carrier/dead air from WBCQ; signal seems generally weaker than usual too (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7506.4, WRNO Worldwide, New Orleans (Metairie transmitter) LA; 0114-0135+, 23-July; FINALLY -- heard something other than an OC. Pastor J.P. of the Cross Line Church in Laguna Hills CA with New Testament huxterage; BoH IDs as WRNO Worldwide and said on 7505; said send reception reports to wrnoradio at mailup.net. S30 peaks with minor transmitter buzz and some distortion after BoH. Tuned in at 0301 to a Pastor J.P. spot and into The Hour of Decision. All in English. Their web page, <http://wnorradio.com/> sez "Broadcasting from our studio in Fort Worth, Texas" (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 85 ft. RW and 180 ft. center-fed RW, logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Tonight (07272012 0250 GMT) WRNO (-50DBM) is 7506.406 kHz and WBCQ (-60DBM) is 7489.910 kHz. I thought that in the US AM had to be within 20 Hz of the licensed carrier frequency; I may be wrong for short wave. I have seen WRNO listed as off frequency for a while now. Is this normal for US shortwave stations? (Tom AC5TM Miller, Flex-5000/RX2 using a LPRO-101 Rubidium 10MHz standard, G5RV and STEPPIR Big IR, UT July 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

As I have pointed out in my reports, resulting from a notice of violation KJES got, the requirement on US SWBC is not 20 Hz but .0015% of whatever frequency. WTJC is even further off currently, 9367.7v, but KJES is back on frequency (11715.0 anyway). Enforcement of this is

rather lax (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Glenn thanks for the answer, I figured that it [WRNO] was way out of spec and that enforcement is lax. If I have the math correct, the max dev of freq would be 112.575 Hz. Which would make sense although I cannot understand why any "Commercial Station" could be off frequency more than a couple of cycles with the amount of high accuracy equipment out there. Geez, my ham rig is presently around 10-9. I bought 4 at \$80 each and it take just a 24 VDC supply and hooks right up the radio. The Flex comes with the built in ability to check itself with WWV which makes having a less than 1 Hz error easy. I have seen someone that takes the used LPRO-101, calibrates installs in a box and sells for \$350 and guaranties to 10 to the minus 11th. I like to listen to WSM and they are consistently off by 13 Hz high. There are a few stations locally that are within 1 Hz. WGN in Chicago is right on the money but I think they are a standard frequency station. Sorry to see so many stations go off recently. Thanks for all your hard work Glenn (Tom Miller AC5TM, ibid.)

Why in the world aren't high-power SW transmitters costing myriads or hundreds of kilobux fitted with a ``fine tuning`` control to adjust the frequency when needed? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

7506.4, August 1 at 0217, WRNO with VG signal but JBM (just barely modulated) preacher, as best I could tell, not distorted. I see some reports putting this on nominal 7505, but it's always been on 7506.4 since the reactivation (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9368, WTJC, Morehead, 1119 July 26, English; No idea how long this has been going on, as I rarely listen to this station, but I found this while bandscanning, way off frequency with religious music; same at 2242 recheck; good (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, NH, NRD-545, MLB-1, 200i Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WTJC 9367.741, WBCQ 9329.975 kHz, July 27 0720 UT; and KJES Vado is on even frequency today July 27! 11715.0 kHz at 1330 UT 73 wb73 (Wolfgang B_schel, ibid.)

7555.0, July 31 at 0118, KJES has achieved onfrequenciness here too, during Spanish catechisms. Remaining to be confirmed: 15385 at 18-20. I quickly check some others: WBCQ on 7489.9, WTJC still 9368-.

WRNO on 7506.4, usual distortion on modulation at 0118 July 31; dead air at 0245, so no distortion! (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9367.75, July 28 at 1315, WTJC `9370` gross off-frequency measured

here by keyboard F#5 = 740 Hz pitch against BF0 on 9367.00; also compared to 9369.00 whence it made a D#6 of 1245 Hz, which would have amounted to 9367.755; so with all the variables and margin of error, let's call it 9367.75, the last digit always open to question. Programming? 0, the usual (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WTJC off frequency --- Or is 9368 their new operating frequency? I thought all these new transmitters were frequency synthesized and it would be hard for them to go off frequency. But maybe they have an older transmitter (Lou Johnson, now KF4RCA, 1829 UT July 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Lou, I'm sure it's an old transmitter, which has been having all kinds of problems. It may even be home-made. I heard that they copied the design of the now defunct WGTG in Georgia. Perhaps crystal-controlled'' (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

I checked <http://www.tdp.info> and they have an Armstrong transmitter. Armstrong is still in business but I don't think they make SW transmitters any more. So it probably is an old one and crystal controlled (Lou Johnson, ibid.)

At <http://www.tdp.info/usa.html>
Maybe the home-made copy of WGTG was the WBOH transmitter, co-station with WTJC, now long defunct, which is not even on the list despite many others dating back to the inception of SWBC (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** U S A. 9265, WINB [Red Lion PA] REALLY amateurish Bible Thumper of Colour with singing, clapping and a bizarrely compelling 'sermon' about nothing in specific, and mention of the "World Wide Amen" website, (I can't find anything that matches on Google although that phrase brings up ALL KINDS of interesting stuff.) ID at BoH and into more Bible Thumping with slightly higher production values. All in English. 454+44 in my office using the RCA 816K console radio 2115-2145 26/Jul (Kenneth Vito Zichi, MARE Tipsheet 27 July via DXLD)

** U S A. 15615, July 30 at 1310, nothing from WEWN but an open carrier was on 15610 until 1312* --- Started to tune up wrong frequency? At 1350 recheck, 15615 is on as usual, 'Catholic Connexion' show with commercial for Ave Maria Mutual Funds. If I were a pious Catholic I would be deeply offended by the BVM's name being attached to something so worldly, PBUH. Evidently AMMF thinx it's good for business and Mother Angelica approves (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. 15225, July 29 at 0523, M&W Arabic talk, plug website <http://www.al-waad.tv> with letters spelt in English; 0531 choral music, flutter. This is the 'Hope Channel' of AWR per the link to

English version of website. HFCC shows 04-06, 250 kW, 120 degrees via Wertachtal, GERMANY, resuming at 07-08, 100 kW, 210 degrees in Arabic, plus other languages until 0900 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. QSL: WEEU, Reading, Pennsylvania 830, no data confirmation letter in 317 days for English report via First Class mail with US \$1.00 return postage and follow-up via certified mail in English with US \$1.00 return postage. QSL received 12 days after follow-up. V/s: John Engle, Chief Engineer. John apologized for missing my earlier report and related that at the time I heard them, there was lightning damage to tower 4's ATU and they were only operating with 1.5 kW and they were running their daytime ND pattern. Also sent coverage pattern print-outs. 73, (Al Muick, Williamsport PA USA, Aug 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. A friend in Little Rock reports that KLRG-AM 880 Sheridan / Little Rock is running a full 50 kW Non Directional right now, instead of its 220 Watt, 3 tower SW Night Pattern. It is simulcasting The Tan Talk network, WTAN 1340 Tampa, FL with ads for Tampa/Clearwater area businesses and Music of your Life/Standards type music (Paul Walker, Ridgway, PA, 0412 UT July 29, IRCA via DXLD)

** U S A. 1260, ALABAMA, WYDE, Birmingham. 0459 July 29, 2012. Male (seemingly canned) ID for iWYDE and WYDE-FM 101.1... Birmingham...î, into AP Radio News. Listed as U1 5000/41. Really running 41 watts during my reception? If so, nice. Faded up over WSUA and the others again at 0516. And also seconds before 0600, with The Who's iWon't Get Fooled Againî as background bumper music over male ID, including the FM, and again into AP Radio News (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, FL, JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Sony ICF-7600GR; Sangean PR-D5; Aqua Guide 705 RDF Marine Radio; GE Superadio III; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X room random wire; Terk Advantage non-active portable loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1460, FLORIDA, WQXM, Bartow. 1916 July 29, 2012. Barely even threshold with Spanish pop-ish vocal, talk by female. Not sure I've ever heard this from here. U1 1000/155. Slogan is iLa Xî per their rudimentary website <http://lax1460.com/> (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, FL, JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Sony ICF-7600GR; Sangean PR-D5; Aqua Guide 705 RDF Marine Radio; GE Superadio III; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X room random wire; Terk Advantage non-active portable loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1680, July 31 at 0506 UT, opening C2C ``on KMLB 540 and KMLB.com``. So KRJO Monroe LA not only has changed format from distinctive `Old School` music to talk, but also has become just an unacknowledged simulcaster of sister station at other end of dial. I imagine KMLB has local coverage problems at night vs XEWA et al. NRC

AM Log shows U4 1000 watts at night, but STA for U1 65 watts, CP for 26 watts! Much less competition and certainly 1 kW ND on 1680 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 99.9 MHz, FLORIDA, (CARRIER CURRENT/PT. 15) "WECX" Eckerd College, St. Petersburg. 1320 July 27, 2012. Noted while on I-275 between the Pinellas Bayway exit and the approach to the Sunshine Skyway Bridge southbound, but just an open carrier and with very bad, distorted hum this time. Not on the air upon returning home early the same evening. [TK-DC]

99.9 MHz, FLORIDA, (PIRATE?) unidentified. 1340 July 27, 2012. Though this could have been tropo (some Jacksonville, Inverness and even WKLG, 102.1 Rock Harbor [Key Largo] were heard), neither formats for WGNE-FM, Middleburg ("Gator Country" Country) or WKIS, Boca Raton ("Kiss Country" also Country) match and both were heard. This one was techno/urban dance nonstop, heard while audible on I-75 along the central/southern Sarasota route, and unheard anywhere after. Signal was briefly good. There have been reports of pirate activity on 99.9 around the Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport, at one time at least with Haitian Kreyol format (Terry L Krueger, JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Sony ICF-7600GR; Sangean PR-D5; Aqua Guide 705 RDF Marine Radio; GE Superadio III; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X room random wire; Terk Advantage non-active portable loop, jointly logged at the Clearwater FL QTH with visiting David Crawford, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

STALKING PINELLAS AND SARASOTA COUNTY AMATEUR BEACON, AERO LONGWAVE, BCB MEDIUM WAVE, SHORTWAVE CODAR AND U.S.C.G. TRANSMITTER SITES --- David Crawford and I spent a couple of hours in the sweltering heat visiting some diverse sites during the afternoon of July 27th seeking unauthorized RF burns and further brain damage.

First up was the 28286 kHz WA4ROX, Largo, a legal and low power HF (HiFer) Amateur beacon, ERPw 0.750 per G3USF's list. WA4ROX also has a weather station at: <http://weather.gladstonefamily.net/site/AR451> and the weather reader instruments are visible amongst the antennae on a dedicated pole. Located at a small, early-50's block house just north of Lake Seminole, and registered on the FCC dB as: VOGENEY, EDWARD G, 10570 114TH TER N, LARGO, FL 33773. Which is exactly the location.

Next up, the 360 kHz iPIî aero approach beacon for St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport, the beacon actually located in Safety Harbor (shows as iCAPOKî or iKAPOKî on some sources, and as iSt. Petersburgî for the location, which is way geographically wrong). I first located/visited this one in 2007. It is at N 27 59' 42.40", W 082 42' 13.90" which, if you Google, will aerial view you to the circular antenna. Impossible to get close enough due to fences on adjoining properties to locate the presumed 75 MHz ILS marker beacon

that should be on site.

Finally for Pinellas: after spotting two red/white and obviously MW towers just NE of 360 kHz iPIi beacon site, we drove to locate these and found it to be WGUL, 860 kHz, per signs on the tower block house. Tower 1 (per FCC sign designation) is to the south, with Tower 2 just north in the back of a Boar's Head distribution warehouse, the property owners of must lease out the north tower and surely the guy wire/supports on their property. Transmitter and antennae-only are here (not the studios) in a rather gritty industrialized/warehouse area.

In Sarasota County the next day, July 28th, David and I met up with Paul V Zecchino and once again we poked around the USCG Auxiliary site and adjacent Service Club Park (county park with beach access) both just northwest of the Venice Municipal Airport and on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico. We discovered two series of receiving antenna poles just behind the first set of dunes, and other antennae (all unobstructed/not fenced off), including one that was clearly marked CODAR on the mounted gear. Confirmed this CODAR site is the one on 4900 kHz by David overloading his portable SW. No other CODAR band channels appear to be emitting from this site, per scanning. And 4900 is heard loudly here at the home QTH in Clearwater upon returning in the evening. Paul supplies this page

http://ocgweb.marine.usf.edu/hfradar/codar/notes/venice_notes.html with additional details on the particular site. We also confirmed that the unrelated USCG Auxiliary site antennae (CAMSLANT?) photos I posted in 2010 at <https://sites.google.com/site/floridadxn/photos-images> are transmitting vs. receive, per the RF warning signs.

Florida Low Power Radio Stations:

<https://sites.google.com/site/floridadxn/florida-low-power-radio-stations>
(Terry Krueger, Clearwater FL, July 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. FM DX NYC Tuner Node via Global Tuners caught a pirate FM radio station on 90.1 --- I was checking out the band on the NYC FM tuner with HD and I came across a pirate FM station on 90.1 FM that is playing reggae music. I thought it was interesting, but too bad the FCC did not shut it down. It's on the Global Tuners NYC node. It says S&S and no callsign. It's not even found in the Radio Locator data base. I think you need to check it out.

<http://www.globaltuners.com/receiver/1163/>

Mike B, you might want to see if you can copy the signal on 90.1 FM it's still on the air (Adam Ebel, Virginia Beach, VA, WPC4GCC. 27 July, WTFDA via DXLD)

There are literally DOZENS of pirates in and around NYC; it's not rare at all. The one that seems to get out the best in tropo is 94.9. We also have a couple dozen here in the Boston area. The FCC doesn't care anymore unless they're interfering with air traffic control (Jeff Lehmann - N1ZZN, Hanson, MA FN42NB, Sangean HDT-1X, Yamaha T-85, Perseus FM+ APS-13, ibid.)

The last time I was in the Bronx on a Saturday I counted 10-15 pirates --- in the Bronx alone! Almost all were Haitian or Caribbean. Being about 100 air miles NE of the ESB and with 3 stations using 90.1 locally I doubt I will ever hear that one, but I have heard 94.9 (Mike Bugaj, Enfield, CT, ibid.)

Jeff & Mike B., The pirate that is on 94.9 is probably that RIKA 94.9 that I had reported the car with their information on it back in late April. All of the information about it that I had was sent to Dave Dembrowski at the Philadelphia Field office of the FCC. He did forward it to the NYC Field office and he sent me a copy of the message that was sent to the NYC office. The FCC will investigate and shut them down, especially if a Licensed Broadcaster that they are interfering with complains to the FCC Field Office (Bob Seaman, Hazleton, PA, ibid.)

I doubt the FCC will do anything. It's really the wild west on the FM band in NYC and has been since '96 (David Goren, ibid.)

Dave, Thanks for the update from NYC. I wasn't sure if the NYC Field Office would do as much as Dave Dembrowski does out of the Philadelphia office. I have worked with Dave Dembrowski with a pirate here and I have heard of other pirates in the Philadelphia area that they have shut down. Either the NYC office has too few agents to shut them down, or it isn't a priority.

Whenever I get information about a pirate, I report it to the FCC. The local ones I can follow up on. Those in the NYC area, I usually only hear about them being on the air from members around the NYC area, like you or Mike B. who reports about them on his trips to NYC.

As I have said in the past, if the federal government doesn't enforce the laws that are on the books, things tend to move closer to anarchy! I guess they like anarchy! (Bob Seaman, Hazleton, PA, ibid.)

Caught a dozen pirates via Global Tuners NYC node

It sounds like the FCC needs to build a field office in Brooklyn, NY because they got a lot of cleaning up to do! I found more pirate stations via the NYC HD receiver via Global Tuners and I need to share this with you.

Here is my Global Tuners Log from 12 AM to 2 AM. These stations were between the licensed FM broadcasters and it required a radio with great selectivity such as a HD tuner or Sangean ATS-909X, Grundig G3, and G8.

89.3 - Pirate - Variety - Part 15 or Pirate Station - 10 second duration "Kids Playing Radio"
89.7 - Pirate - Reggae - Pirate Reggae Programming - Radio 1
90.1 - Pirate - Reggae - Jamaican Talk and Music S&S Radio
91.1 - Pirate - Classical and Reggae - 2 Stations
91.3 - Pirate - Christian/Gospel Pirate Programming - UnIDed Station
91.9 - Pirate - Pirate Spanish Programming - Radio 1
92.9 - Pirate/UnIDed - Christian/Gospel Pirate Programming - UnIDed Station
94.3 - Pirate - Reggae Pirate Programming - Radio 2
94.9 - Pirate - Spanish Pirate Programming - Radio 2
95.1 - Pirate - Very Low Audio
95.3 - Pirate - Spanish Pirate Programming - Radio 3
99.3 - Pirate/UnIDed - Hip Hop Station - UnIDed
99.7 - Pirate/UnIDed - Hip Hop Station - UnIDed
103.3 - Pirate - Piano Music and Foreign Talking
104.7 - Pirate - Pirate Raggae Programming - Radio 3 (Adam Ebel, Virginia Beach, VA via Global Tuners NYC FM Tuner, WTFDA via DXLD)

** U S A. FCC SLAPS CASPER RADIO STATION OWNER WITH \$68,000 FINE

<http://trib.com/content/tncms/live/>

Nearly a year ago, a Federal Communications Commission inspector tuned in to several radio frequencies in Casper and heard music where it didn't belong.

The music, from four Casper radio stations belonging to Mt. Rushmore Broadcasting Inc., sang from the company's studios in downtown Casper to its transmission facilities for rebroadcast on regular FM radio frequencies.

The radio relays, known as studio transmitter links, are not uncommon when studios aren't located next to transmitter sites. But in Casper on Aug. 17, there was one problem: Mt. Rushmore Broadcasting didn't have the right to broadcast using the radio links.

In the case of two of the radio stations, the company had been using the unlicensed radio links for 16 years.

The FCC on Thursday said it's fining the company \$68,000 for "willfully and repeatedly" violating the law, and it gave the

stations' owner 30 days to get the licenses its needs for stations KMLD-Melody 94.5, KASS-Kick! 107, KQLT-Kolt Country 103.7 and KHOC-Heart 102.5.

But Mt. Rushmore Broadcasting President Jan Gray told the Star-Tribune on Friday the FCC's fines and requirements are a "preliminary finding" and the start of a lengthy legal battle over the commission's enforcement of its rules for such licenses, which Gray says the commission has poorly tracked and just now decided to enforce.

"I guarantee you they're going to back down or reach a compromise or whatever, or I'm going to sue them on behalf of every radio owner in America that has been wronged by them," he said. "It's a lot of baloney."

The FCC didn't reply on Friday to a request for comment.

In December the FCC asked the company for more details about the licensing and operation of the stations. After multiple extensions, Mt. Rushmore Broadcasting replied to the FCC in April.

It said one of the radio links -- for KQLT -- was licensed, but the FCC found the license call sign "is issued to another licensee in the Atlanta-Athens, Georgia, area."

The company moved its studio for KMLD from a North Nichols Street address a third of a mile away to its current home at 218 N. Wolcott in "late 2001 or early 2002" and said the radio link address should have been changed. It wasn't, the FCC found.

The unlicensed radio links for KHOC had been in operation since 2000, and since 1995 for KASS, the FCC found.

In May, Mt. Rushmore Broadcasting applied for the licenses its lacks for the short-range radio links, according to the FCC.

Gray's Casper FM stations were taken off-line the day of the FCC's inspection due to a "technical or mechanical problem," Gray said in an interview with the Star-Tribune a few days after the stations went off the air, but were later turned back on.

In a Friday interview peppered with insults and accusations against the Star-Tribune and its staff for reporting this story and others about him in the past, Gray downplayed the effect of the FCC's decision on his Casper stations.

"This whole thing is not a big deal," he said. "It doesn't affect the operation of the stations one bit."

The FCC fine is the latest trouble for the company, which also owns KVOC-AM 1230 in Casper and stations in Rawlins and in Custer and Hot Springs in South Dakota.

In May the FCC levied a \$21,500 fine against the company after a June 2011 inspection found Mt. Rushmore Broadcasting was using an unauthorized antenna for KZMW-FM and not staffing either the FM station or KZMW-AM, both in Hot Springs.

In a situation that mirrored what happened last year to the company's Casper stations, the company shut down the stations shortly after it was made aware of the FCC inspector's visit, although the company told the FCC later the shutdowns were because of equipment malfunctions and a lightning strike.

The FCC fined the company \$20,000 in 2008 because its Rawlins stations hadn't maintained their Emergency Alert System, among other rule violations. The commission also hit the company with thousands of dollars in fines at its various stations in 2002 and 1998.

In those cases, the Wyoming U.S. attorney had to sue Mt. Rushmore Broadcasting in federal court to recover the fines, according to U.S. District Court records (via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

He can't be serious, right? The FCC back down or reach a compromise? Like anyone's ever kept track of how many stations have been "wronged" by the FCC.

Mr. Gray strikes me as someone who A) is a few watts shy of a fully-operating transmitter; or B) relishes the opportunity to thumb his nose at the governing body of radio and television communications every chance he gets. GUESS WHAT -- they will only put up with that for so long. I have a feeling that someday, probably sooner than later, they'll come down VERY hard on him and then he won't have the opportunity to own any more stations again. 73, (Rick Dau, South Omaha, Nebraska, ibid.)

I think we already had a discussion about Mt Rushmore's business practices here on the list. CHEAP. They were too damned CHEAP to pay an engineer and filing fee to get licenses for their STL's. Just like they were too CHEAP to give a hoot about status of EAS equipment and the like at KRAL / KIQZ in Rawlins (WY).

Oh by the way, was going to report that, just returned from a cross-country trip and yes KRAL and KIQZ-FM are still off the air in Rawlins. Passed in front of the building and it looks like a ghost town. Again, Mt Rushmore doesn't care. You guys DID see the calls

there, right? Yes, their FM is KICK 107....K-A-S-S. In the 90s when I lived in Casper someone told me that when the station first went on the air they actually called themselves "KICK-ASS 107". Enough people complained so they dropped the ASS and have been "KICK 107" ever since. However everyone in the radio biz in the market still calls them "kickass".

Another "interesting" move brought to you courtesy of Mt Rushmore broadcasting. You know what the sad part is? Casper has two clusters that own most of the stations there. Mt Rushmore is one, and the other is ClearChannel, oh, er, Townsquare?? Citicasters???? Well, one of those. It wasn't that way when I was there in 1995. Yes, Mt Rushmore existed and owned a few, but the rest were individuals or whatever.

The whole thing went down the toilet a few years after that when rimshots starting becoming the big thing and Mt Rushmore and CC had all the new rimshots and eventually just swallowed up (acquired) the others. In 1995 stations were having a hard time making it. Casper's metro population is only about 75,000 so that's not a very big pie and there already were like 6 FMs and 3 AMs. Then the pieces of the pie got much smaller and that market is flooded with radio stations. I'm sure it's no different than anywhere else and points to the state of radio these days. But I digress (Michael n wyo Richard, Evanston, ibid.)

** U S A. 91.7, KOSU carrying NPR 'Weekend Edition Saturday' had a neat 5-minute feature on radio jingles at 1344 UT July 28. Text, illustrations and audio:
<http://www.npr.org/2012/07/28/156997028/the-not-so-distant-history-of-radio-jingles>
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WSBS-DT3 [Key West FL] is ON....BUT...
<http://forums.wtfda.org/showthread.php?7384-Key-West-DT-3-Good-news-bad-news&p=23816#post23816>
(via Mike Bugaj, WTFDA via DXLD)

Two grabs from last week. Note the lack of PSIP, and no virtual 22. Heck, this might not even be WSBS but it is Spanish (Chris Dunne, Pembroke Pines FL, July 31, WTFDA forums via DXLD)

** U S A. WJGN-CA-5 Chesapeake, VA confirmed --- Es reception confirmed by a phone call to the station. Note the pattern. Very little signal going this way! They are exactly on zero offset although they are assigned plus.
<http://fccinfo.com/CMDProEngine.php?sCurrentService=TV&tabSearchType=Appl&sAppIDNumber=581142>
(Jeff Kadet, Macomb, IL, 1721 UT July 28, WTFDA via DXLD) No date or

time; unclear if the reception had just occurred (gh, DXLD)

** URUGUAY. Radio Sarandí on 6045 --- No traces of Radio Sarandí yesterday and today on 6045 LSB/USB/AM. Seems to be inactive again. Ever active as usual on 690 kHz AM. 73 from Montevideo, (Rodolfo Tizzi, 1930 UT July 26, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VATICAN. Vatican Radio - Letter from the Archdiocese of Newark

Hi Glenn, Today (28 July 2012) I received a letter from James G. Goodness (yes, that is his name) who is the Director of the Office of Communication and Public Relations at the Archdiocese of Newark, NJ. He writes:

``While I appreciate the dismay you feel over the recent decision by Vatican Radio to cease its shortwave transmissions, it appears that the decision was made after a long and careful review of the Vatican's long-range and future planning for communications. It does appear now that more and more people are using internet connections to gain access to information, and the Vatican is moving strongly in that direction as well.``

This is quite surprising to me, in that Vatican Radio should be the exception to cutting back shortwave radio broadcasts, based on the outreach to the poor and the proclamation of the message to the far corners of the earth, which only shortwave can do. 73's, (Ed Insinger, Summit, NJ, July 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VATICAN [non]. Checking VR before the alleged imminent demise of relays via Sackville: 9610, UT July 31 at 0249 French via BONAIRE is ending and the IS plays at 0249:45 just as a barely perceptible subaudible heterodyne starts, as the Sackville carrier is turned on, then Bonaire turned off, and 0250 opening English. This is so smooth that casual listeners would never guess there was a drastic site switch (unless reception differed greatly between them, which it does not here, both very strong beamed USward). Previously I have heard some overlap of unsynchronized ISes, but not this time. Perhaps UT August 1 will be the finale after 0250, unless this was it already; as usual, opening says nothing about canceling Sackville after July 31. Bonaire could just continue until 0400* instead of 0250* and retain English until 0320; // 7305 Sackville also starts abruptly at 0250.

13765, July 31 after 0500, VR English to Africa, due west from MADAGASCAR provides good reception way off here in deep North America, for those who still want to hear The Pope's Voice, tho program content differs from the ex-EurAmerican service (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

And I do mean, non. UT August 1 checking 9610 to see what happen with the Vatican Radio relays via Sackville, Canada. VG signal in French from 0230 via BONAIRE, concluding with IS and off at 0250*. This time just noise, as no handover any more to Sackville in English. So last night was the end for VR English to North America, as registered in HFCC for July 31, but not announced on the broadcasts. No doubt the other Sackville relay to C&S America at 1100-1215 on 13730 will also be gone (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It's official. Vatican Radio heard from 1200 to 1215 UTC is also gone on 13730 (via Sackville, NB). (J K Johnson, GA, Aug 1, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

11890, August 1 at 1312, VR IS, poor signal and shortly off. Per Aoki this was the end of the 1230 broadcast in Chinese via Palauig-Zambales = RVA, PHILIPPINES. I did not keep tuned to 11890 or I might have heard the next broadcast, 1315-1400 in Vietnamese via Tinian (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Vaticana en 75 metros --- El s-bado pude escuchar por primera esta emisora en esta banda, pero con la particularidad que la escuchaba en los 3975.6 y mucho mejor en banda lateral sobre las 2245 UT con se0al de intervalo. TambiEn entraba a esta hora Croacia (tentativo) en 3984.8 y BBC (tentativo) desde Singapur en 3925. Adjunto audio de R. Vaticana. Un abrazo (Miguel Castellino, Argentina, July 30, condiglist yg via DXLD)

BBC Singapore is on 3915. 3925 would be R. Nikkei, Japan altho a bit late for that after sunrise (BTW, strangely, Nikkei 3925 is missing from HFCC A-12, tho it appears on 6055 still with outdated ``NHK NSB`` registration.) Off-frequency 3975.6 implies it is the 10 kW transmitter in Vatican gardens itself rather than extra-territorial Santa Maria di Galeria, but HFCC is no help here, showing 3975:

10 kW VAT at 0400-0645, 1555-2100, all multilingual
100 kW SMG at 0230-0400, 2100-2215, all multilingual
But both of them expiring 30 June! Not the first time VR 3975 has been reported at late time neither site was scheduled, so what's going on?

Aoki shows only one VR transmission any more on 3975:
3975 VATICAN RADIO 1840-1900 1234567 Latin (Rosario) 10 340 Vaticano
CVA 01227E 4154N VAT a12

EiBi shows the above and only one other:
3975 0530-0600 CVA Radio Vaticana L Eu v
3975 1840-1900 CVA Radio Vaticana Ros Eu v

I don't doubt his audio but one can only get attachments on individual

e-mails from this group, not archived, and not in the digest (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn: OK. The correct fq of BBC is 3915 (transcription error). Thank You. R. Vaticana: I enclose new version of archive in zip format. 73's (Miguel Castellino, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Tnx, yes that's definitely the VR IS in the noise (gh, DXLD)

** VENEZUELA [and non]. REMARK about 4830 kHz: Recently it has been reported on 4830 kHz Radio T-chira from Venezuela. In fact it is many many years Radio T-chira in Venezuela has been closed on short wave.

UNFORTUNATLY a WEB managed by AIR still reports VERY OLD informations what are they waiting to up to date their WEB ???
<http://www.air-radio.it/guida.html>
"bande tropicali notturne (2300-0600 UTC)" :

.... Apertura incondizionata, propagazione permettendo, sino alle prime luci dell'alba per le stazioni latino-americane: lo spagnolo ed il portoghese regnano incontrastati, aiutando parecchio nell'identificazione.

Alcune certezze: Radio Atl-ntida Per` 4790, Radio T-chira Venezuela 4830, Radio Reloj Costarica 4832v, Radio CanÁ,,o Nova Brasile 4825, Radio Relûgio Federal Brasile 4905v, Ecos del Torbes Venezuela 4980, Radio Brasil Central 4985, Radio Rebelde Cuba 5025, Radio Aparecida Brasile 5035.

L'ascolto dall'America Latina È possibile tutto l'anno, con acuti verso la met  di ogni stagione, e, per quanto riguarda la zona andina, nei mesi di luglio e agosto. Le stazioni locali di Bolivia, Ecuador e Per , risultando le pi  sporadiche ed imprevedibili, sono oggetto di una vera e propria caccia spietata da parte del DXer smalizzato. Evidently Mr. Andreas "Sturm" is a particular "smalizzato" listener who listen may betoo much carefully..." Guess the real "certezza" is the informations given in the AIR WEB are 30 years old !!!!!!!!! REMARK written by (Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** VIETNAM. 9635.003, Voice of Vietnam 1st program, in Vietnamese, 0815 UT on remote unit in Australia. Could identify Vietnamese talk by two woman from Son tay tx site, but otherwise tiny S=4-5 signal in southern Pacific (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM. Hai Phong Coastal Radio Station (call sign XVG, abbreviated as "HPR") verified by PFC QSL (in English) after 133 days for my reception report in English, enclosed \$1. QSL was officially

stamped and signed by Nguyen T. T. Huyen. This is a mother station of VISHIPEL coastal radio stations network.

Address: No. 02, Nguyen Thuong Hien Street, Hong Bang District, Haiphong City, Vietnam

Telephone: +84 31 3746464 FAX: +84 31 3747062

E-mail: contact @ vishipel.com.vn URL: <http://vishipel.com.vn/>

Weather Broadcast schedule: 0005 1205, 7906 kHz USB 5 Kw, 8294 USB 5kW (Takahito Akabayashi, Japan, July 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZAMBIA. 6165, Zambia NBC Radio 2, Lusaka (presumed), 0422-0431. Talk by woman, occasionally joined briefly by man. Poor signal with fading. Could identify the language as English, but not the content. 7/23/2012 (Jim Evans, Germantown TN, RX-340, IC-R75, Perseus, Eavesdropper Dipole, Random Wire (90')), NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

As both Chad and Bonaire have kindly left the frequency (gh, DXLD)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. CLANDESTINE, 15115, SW Radio Africa (apparently via Madagascar), 0600:44 s/on with instrumental Afro music and English ID by M, "You're listening to a program from SW Radio Africa, Zimbabwe's independent voice", then intro for program "Crisis Analysis" including an ID. Then said program with M host and many remote journalist reports. The signal suddenly dropped way down at 0622 and basically inaudible. Corresponded almost perfectly with a spike in the X-ray flux. Never did return. (29 July)

Correction: My assumption of SW Radio Africa was probably inaccurate as this has been from Meyerton for quite a while. Sorry (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D and Perseus SDR, T2FD antenna, HCDX via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DXLD)

Outstanding on Dave's reception! His reception is of their new Saturday and Sunday schedule on 15115. Yes, is via Madagascar. For a long time they were only on 4880 and unheard here in Calif., so it is great to find out about this new schedule:

ZIMBABWE(non). New morning transmission of SW Radio Africa on Sat/Sun (not Voice of People): 0600-0800 on 15115 MDC 250 kW / 265 deg to ZWE in English/Shona/Ndebele. This per <http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/>

Congratulations to Dave for hearing this one! (Ron Howard, San Francisco, cumbre dx via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DXLD)

15115 0600-0800 53SW,57NE MDC 250kW 265deg 17=Sat/Sun only. from 21-07-2012 MDG NEW RNW (Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Interesting in several ways. A new site for SWRA - I think they've only used Meyerton before. Morning rather than the usual evening transmission. Good time choice for a weekend - 0800-1000 local, so on Sunday that will be before people go to church (which very many of them do in Zimbabwe). And a 15 MHz channel will be harder to jam (Chris Greenway, UK, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SW Radio Africa on new 15115 kHz. Hi Glenn, The following has been kindly provided to me by Dave Valko:
<https://www.box.com/s/dd566495c6ce0cad7b4a>
contains a good MP3 audio of Dave's July 29 reception on 15115 kHz.

- - - emails to Dave from Gerry Jackson, founder and manager of SW Radio Africa:

iThanks for your email and glad you were able to hear us for a little while. We're a Zimbabwean radio station based in the UK, broadcasting to Zim on shortwave. You probably hear us clearer in Pennsylvania than people back home, as the Zim government frequently jams our broadcasts! i and another:

iles [Mommsen, who formerly sent out QSLs] is still with us, but very part time so he may not respond [request for a QSL]. Our more permanent engineer is danny @ swradioafrica.com The 15115 kHz frequency is new ñ Radio Netherlands are providing it free of charge until November to three Zim broadcasters and we are sharing this frequency, which is only available at the weekends. The transmitter is in Madagascar. As this frequency is new to us and has not been widely advertised in Zim yet, we don't think it is being jammed. Thanks for your interest. Regards, Gerry i.

Gerry is indeed a nice lady who is very cordial to listeners of SW Radio Africa. Years ago I also had some nice correspondence from her.

They have not updated their website yet, which still only shows 4880.
<http://www.swradioafrica.com/>

<http://www.swradioafrica.com/podcasts/wordpress/>
has extensive podcasts (audio streaming) of their past programming. They do have a QSL, per attached copy of mine received back in 2007 (Ron Howard, Monterey, Calif., dxldyg with attachment via DXLD)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. New morning transmission of SW Radio Africa on Sat/Sun: 0600-0800 on 15115 MDC 250 kW / 265 deg to ZWE in English/Shona/Ndebele (DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria, 01 August via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. The Spanish station on 520 kHz that I reported hearing a couple of weeks ago is back on at the time of this post; 0048 UT

27JUL12. It is well above the noise/QRN level and the word Cuba is heard. I have no record of any Cuban on 520 so this one puzzles me.

It is much stronger tonight than previously. My receiver is a modified Tecsun PL-380 with an external NW/SE 100' beverage on ground antenna matched to the PL-380 with a noise reduced binocular toroid matching transformer. This antenna orientation favors Cuba from my location in SW North Carolina. Does anyone else hear this station?

[later:] The Spanish station on 520 kHz either powered down or signed off at 0100 UT after mentioning "Habana, Cuba". There was a male announcer throughout the broadcast and it was definitely not Radio Reloj. I made an MP3 recording that lasted about 15 minutes until my batteries ran down. I'll listen earlier in the evening tomorrow and see if I can get a longer recording (Rick Robinson, W4DST, IRCA via DXLD)

I'll listen this evening and over the next few nights. Where are you, Rick? Location is always important. I'm reporting this to some other lists in case this is not a spur but an actual station (which it could very well be...). I've never seen a 520 Cuban reported. BTW, I have barely logged into the various AM lists as I'm doing hardly any of that this summer, so if anyone wishes to reach me feel free to e-mail me at schernos AT sympatico DOT ca (Saul Chernos, NRC-AM via DXLD)

A broadcaster on 520 kHz would be a major international pest for maritime users of 518 kHz Navtex. I can't imagine someone broadcasting on 520 for very long without causing an international protest - especially from the U.S. WRH (Bill Hepburn, Ont., WTFDA-AM via DXLD)

Hi Saul, Thanks for your reply. I'm in Hendersonville, NC, 20 miles south of Asheville in the mountains and I should've indicated that in my posts. I'm able to hear Florida and Cuban stations year round in my location.

I can't find anything about a Cuban on 520 kHz either. I keep a close eye on the bottom end of the MW due to a local low powered transmitter on 530 kHz that rebroadcasts the VHF National Weather Service station on 162.4. This station started showing up a couple of weeks ago and I've never heard anything but NDBs that low in the band. Good DXing (Rick, IRCA via DXLD)

Once again my strong recollection from several years ago when someone else was getting this was that it was an image. I think it was tracked down as being from Rebelde 5025. No one else is hearing a Cuban on 520 including DXers in FL. Rick, do you have any other receivers and is it heard on them? 73 KAZ (Neil Kazaross, IL, ibid.)

Rick, Suggest you check the Radio Habana Cuba SW frequencies when you are hearing 520 and see if it matches; could be an image from SW.

Current schedule is under CUBA here:

<http://www.w4uvh.net/dxld1214.txt>

The sked on their own website is way out of date.

I believe you said it went off at 0100 UT? The Spanish SW frequencies in use before then are 17705, 15230, 11760, 11680, 9810, 6120, 6060. Most days (not likely weekends) there is a separate Mesa Redonda program on 15140, 6000 which might run until 0100. 73, (Glenn Hauser, OK, ibid.)

Rick, That does sound like your radio needs a tunable loop antenna such as the Terk AM advantage or AN-200 from Grundig or if it's a communications receiver then you might need a preselector (antenna tuner). I used to get that with a poor AM receiver. I used to get a lot of short wave broadcasters on my AM radio receiver because of the poor misalignment. Check your coil antenna to see if the ferrite rod fell out of place. Set your coil on the right side of the ferrite rod and try to peak it for best performance. Don't put it between the ferrite rod because it will make the AM broadcast band become the LW band from 300 kHz to 520 kHz. If you just bought the radio take it back to the store for a replacement and notify the manufacturer. 6000 kHz is a very strong frequency, but it does not need to mess up your AM DXing (Adam Ebel, Virginia Beach, VA, WPC4GCC, ibid.)

Hi Rick no joy on this end. No signal monitored at day or night here in Lakeland, FL on 520 kc. 73, (Thomas NZ40 Giella, 1223 UT July 28, MWCircle yg via DXLD)

Thank you for your help, Glenn. This was my first experience with an image in my many years of DXing and needless to say it had me fooled. I did get a very clear "Radio Habana Cuba" ID on Friday night so I was certain I had an image. I did a quick check of the RHC stations I could hear and none were in parallel with my image. Another mystery to solve. Good DXing, (Rick, W4DST, July 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED [non]. Middle-Eastern Sounding music on 1500? Who is playing Middle-Eastern music on 1500 kHz at 0240 UT? I've been hearing them almost every nite around the same time recently. There's also a male announcer with heavily-accented ME-sounding language (to my untrained ears, it doesn't sound like Arabic). Is it coincidental this unID station showed up the same time as Ramadan started? BTW, it's "looping" toward the ENE from my QTH (southeast Houston, TX). Radio is a barefoot Sangean DT-400W, but I've also heard it on my Eton E100, also barefoot (Steve Ponder, N5WBI (EL29kn), 0301 UT Aug 1, Sent from my iPhone, ABDX via DXLD)

Well, I listened on 1500 kHz until around 0345 UT. The more I listened, the more the unID station faded in and out. The fade-ins were occasionally clear enough for me to *tentatively* ID the language as Greek. This would match the style of music that I was hearing, too.

I heard several phrases at 15 and 30 minute intervals that "could" have been IDs, but I have to admit that my Koinē Greek from the late 1970's is no match for modern-day Greek, hi! Is anybody else out there hearing this station? I've had to shut things down for the night - early AM telecon tomorrow. 73 & Good DX, (Steve Ponder, N5WBI (EL29kn), Sent from my iPhone, 0407 UT, ibid.)

Listen to this online if you can.

<http://tunein.com/radio/WPSO-1500-s22057/>

Maybe this is your station (Kevin Redding, Crump, TN, ibid.)

This is 250 Watt Non Directional WPSO 1500, New Port Richey, FL (Paul B Walker Jr, IRCA via DXLD) quite a Greek community there (gh)

UNIDENTIFIED. Emissora AM em 1680 kHz. Caros amigos, No momento estou sintonizando uma emissora em 1680, transmitindo uma pregação em inglês. Todavia, não estou conseguindo identificar a emissora. Seu sinal é bem fraco, porém consistente, quase não há interferência de ruídos. SINPO: 13331, às 0220 UT. Radio Tecsun PL390+ Antena Tecsun AN200. Um forte 73 para todos (George Cunha, location unknown, Brasil? UT July 30, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9634.012, July 31 at 1306, some audio making a B5-note het [988 Hz] below something weaker on 9635.0. What's on '9635' at this hour? Aoki shows CRI Hindi via Kashgar, Serbia 17 kW from Belgrade in English, and the all-day VOV-1 service, 100 kW, 145 degrees from Hanoi-Sontay, VIETNAM. My money's on the latter as off-frequency. Unless: no hits on 9634 for Vietnam found in DXLD archive, instead, from 10-36:

``9634+, spur from R. Australia, Sept 7 [2010] at 1216, putting big slightly less than 1 kHz het to roughly equal strength CVC Miami via Chile in Spanish on 9635, with Late Nite Live interview // 9590, 9580, 9560, 9475, so impossible to tell which Shepparton transmitter it's coming from, but doesn't compute as a mix among any of them.``

O, I see that Wolfgang B. Schel just measured Vietnam on 9635.03; and Serbia on 9634.993, so neither accounts for my 9634.012 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Very interesting your observations about Serbia, but surely not my unID which was 988 Hz off frequency and Stubline you say is only 7. I

also never hear that low-power unit over here in the mornings. Also, Chile has reduced 9635 usage to only one hour, 21-22. I still suspect my 9634.012 was the spur revived from Radio Australia. 73, (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

9634.012, August 1 at 1305, the mystery carrier is back making B5-note het against a stronger signal on 9635.0, only the latter with some modulation making it, no doubt CRI Hindi via Kashgar. No het was being heard before 1300, altho 9634 may have been there, as it could still be detected at 1405 when again there was no 9635 to het against it.

Two years ago I got definite R. Australia audio on 9634+, which could have come from any of four 31m RA frequencies at the 12+ UT hour. Now 9560 and 9590 are no longer in use, 9475 is in Chinese, and there is only 9580 still on the air in English during the 13 hour. Of course, 9580 fundamental is much stronger here than 9475. {Someone could check a remote receiver closer to Shepparton whether 9634 is RA spur now.} (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9873-SSB, July 29 at 1332, weak 2-way intruders in tonal Asian language. Intruders, assuming the 31m SWBC band officially extends to 9900 if not 9990. The chart on page 45 of the 2012 WRTH is not helpful with no precision but looks like it goes right up to 9990. Yet there remain regular utility spots like the RTTY on 9830 ignored by Turkey (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 17810-SSB, July 28 at 1953, Spanish 2-way intruders, including whistling. May have been a fraxion off this frequency, weak signals difficult to tune in (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 27065-AM, July 28 at 2017, after getting Brazil on 21284, I am checking higher bands. No activity on 24 or 28 MHz hambands, and most CB channels are empty, except here there is overmodulated colloquial Spanish, Cubanish accent, slight fading so apparently not local, and some very weak hets from other skip stations. One of his contacts concludes each transmission with three quick beeps (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. U S A UHF: 461.95, UNIDs; 2:36 PM [EDT = 1836 UT], 26-July; Heard two calls to what sounded like "CTN Base" -- can't match that to anything around here. I think there might be a 3rd service here. Besides the port-a-potty and landscaping services, I've also heard messages about wheel chairs and wheel chair vans. The search goes on (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Icom R3 + duckie, logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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## UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS

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### ACKNOWLEDGED ON WORLD OF RADIO 1628:

Thank you for your decades of dedication. After a 30 yr vacation, I am back listening now with a G6 Aviator Aldrin Ed. Hearing R. New Zealand here in Carrboro, NC last brought to mind A. Cushen and then you and I decided to send you this donation today (Keith Weston, with a contribution via PayPal to woradio at yahoo.com)

One may also send a check or MO in the mail to PO Box 1684, Enid OK 73702 (gh)

Glenn: You always have great logs and wonderful monitoring. Would you be kind enough to tell me about the receiver and antenna you use? Thanks (Jason F. Poplaski, July 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Jason, Mainly: FRG-7 with random wire of about 110 feet no more than 8 feet above ground, mostly east-west. Since I can't get exact frequencies on it, I also use a DX-398 and a YB-400, each with shorter random wire antennas usually inside, but sometimes I take the DX-398 outside to the porch and another random wire, to escape some of the household noise (like computers and TVs rather than having to turn them off).

That's shortwave. Mediumwave I mostly use the DX-398 handheld. Likewise for FM. Sometimes I DX MW or FM in the car.

I have various other portable receivers occasionally used in different rooms when convenient. And then there's TV. People keep asking me about this, so I suppose I should round up all my equipment list and put it on my website. I don't want to keep repeating it in my log reports. Regards, (Glenn to Jason, via DXLD)

## CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES

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### NRC/WTFDA CONVENTION ñ BRIDGEPORT, WV

Bill and Brenda Swiger would like to extend an invitation to all club members to come to West Virginia the weekend of August 3rd, 4th and 5th for the NRC Convention. This year the Days Inn and Suites at 112 Tolley Drive, Bridgeport WV will be the host hotel. Rooms can be reserved by calling 304-842-7371 before July 20, 2012. The cost of each room is \$79.94, and this includes the tax. The rooms are double or king and the cost can be split between however many people are in the room. Be sure to tell them that you will be with the National Radio Club to get this rate.

The Worldwide TV-FM DX Association will also be joining us.

Registration will be \$45.00 for NRC members and \$25.00 for spouses or significant others. This will include the Saturday evening banquet and snacks and drinks for the hospitality room.

We are hoping to have some tours scheduled and there is also a festival that weekend with food and music that we can carpool to.

The Days Inn is right off the intersection of Interstate 79 and Route 50. There are shopping areas and restaurants within walking distance. The local airport is approximately 3 miles away with shuttle service. More information will follow with bus service, etc.

Registration and items for the auction can be mailed to:

Bill Swiger  
1 Casey Lane  
Bridgeport WV 26330-9454

If you have any questions or ideas please email me at [ridgeradio@cebridge.net](mailto:ridgeradio@cebridge.net) and I will try to answer them. Hope to see you here in our beautiful "Almost Heaven" state of West Virginia (From Ernie Wesolowski via Nancy Johnson and Phil Bytheway, IRCA DX Monitor July 28 via DXLD)

#### READING INTERNATIONAL RADIO GROUP

The next meeting of the Reading International Radio Group will be on Saturday August 18 at 2.30 p.m in Room 3, Reading International Solidarity Centre, 35-39 London Street, Reading. All are welcome, email me for more details or phone 01462 643899. Two more dates have been booked for these meetings, October 6 and December 15 (Mike Barraclough, England, Aug World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

#### DX-PEDITIONS

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#### JULY 2012 OREGON CLIFF DXPEDITION REPORT

Hello All, From July 18 to 21 a bizarre DXpedition was conducted at a Highway 101 road side turnoff on Cape Perpetua, Oregon's highest ocean side cliff (2 miles south of Yachats, in Lincoln County). The DXpedition equipment and antenna were radically different from traditional ones, as a hot-rodged Tecsun PL-380 Ultralight and new 8" diameter Ferrite Sleeve Loop antenna were set up at a high ocean cliff elevation.

DXing conditions were rough (no AC power, running water, street lighting or weather protection) but the triple advantage of salt water propagation, ocean cliff altitude and high-gain FSL antenna resulted in South Pacific DX of exceptional strength. 2.5 kW and 5 kW signals from New Zealand AM stations like 765-Radio Kahungunu and 684-NZ Rhema were actually pegging the PL-380's S/N readout at 25 (the maximum), while several other DU's like 828-Radio Trakside (2 kW) and 603-Radio Waatea were coming in like locals. The unique combination of rough DXing conditions and awesome South Pacific DX was unforgettable, and every effort was made to record MP3's of the amazing DX for the DXpedition report, which is posted at <http://www.mediafire.com/view/?nk9tlf95t0b2m14>

Included is a description of the rugged DXing site, the tough choice of where to set up a listening post, and the latest DXpedition equipment from our quirky Ultralight Radio science. Many photos were included of the two DXing fanatics who pushed their luck during the trip (in more ways than one), as well as links for MP3's from 32 South Pacific and Asian stations, the DXpedition video, and various references. Hopefully it will provide motivation for other DXing fanatics to push their own luck on ocean side cliffs! 73 and Good DX, (Gary DeBock (in Puyallup, WA, USA), Aug 1, IRCA via DXLD)

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#### AN APPEAL FOR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS RADIO HISTORY COLLECTION

Namaskar and Greetings from Assam. Today I want to make a special request to the members of this special group. I have been working towards collection of old radio newsletters and DX journals, stickers of radio stations, etc. circulated by different radio stations in the past. I came into this hobby very lately and missed many special things which are a part of radio history today. I would like to preserve these historical materials for the reference of future generation. Many DX club had their own publications and many stations had their own newsletters like RFI- La Lettre du Club, NHK- Radio Japan News, DW- Tune In, FEBC- Signal, AWR - Airwaves, Radio Australia- Talkback, RNW- Happy Station and Media Network DX publications, Radio Berlin International's DX Materials and may be many more which I might not know.

I know many of our friends have many extra copies of these publications and souvenirs. Or many can provide the PDF copies of some publications. Is it possible for you to send me the extra copies of any such materials or the complete PDF copies of any radio journals and news letters which you have in your collection?? If you can, then

I would remain grateful to you always for this. And as an acknowledgment to your contribution I shall definitely send you some Indian picture post cards affixed with beautiful Indian postage stamps by post. Looking forward to your reply.

Thanking you all in advance. Regards,  
(Prithwiraj Purkayastha  
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Assam - 785001  
India  
Email: prithwiraj.purkayastha @ gmail.com  
dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Excellent project Prithwiraj. I have an Indian friend visiting me in mid August. If he can carry I shall send you any material I can spare, these include many copies of Indian DX club Bulletins from the 70ies. I don't need anything back, your work to preserve them for future radio enthusiasts is more than enough (Victor Goonetilleke, Sri Lanka, ibid.)

#### HISTORY OF RECORDING

Twilight of the Gods (The Recording Industry from Edison to the iPod)

<http://historyofrecording.org/>

Great companion website to the current CBC Radio One series Twilight of the Gods. There is lots of interesting audio and information here (Fred Waterer, July 31, ODXA yg via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See CANADA! MEXICO!

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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See COSTA RICA; GERMANY; GUIANA FRENCH;

+++++ INDIA; NEW ZEALAND; RUSSIA; SPAIN

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- IBOC, DAB, DRM

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Radio World: Digital Radio Worldwide, Explored

This is an interesting article that looks at the adoption of digital radio around the world, including IBOC, DAB, and DRM.

Shortwave does get mentioned -- just a little -- but it shows how digital radio has become a patchwork quilt of standards and

approaches, all with the common theme of slow adoption rates.

There was one interesting comment that likened digital radio adoption patterns to the adoption process for FM Radio when it was commercialized.

<http://www.rwonline.com/article/digital-radio-worldwide-explored-/214717>  
(Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, NASWA yg via DXLD)

The article claims that DRM has been in use in China on MW and SW for ten years. I am not aware of any such broadcasts, certainly not SW. This throws into question the accuracy of the entire report:

``Although it has been in use on short- and medium-wave broadcasts in China for the past 10 years, Redmond said that the DRM system has struggled to win consumer adoption due to limited receiver choices and availability.`` (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM  
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#### TIPS ON ACCESSING FCC INFORMATION

Glenn, Re all that discussion about Tim Cutforth's station KCEG, the best way to get data from FCC is to use the "CDBS Public Access" url:

[http://licensing.fcc.gov/prod/cdb/publicacc/prod/app\\_sear.htm](http://licensing.fcc.gov/prod/cdb/publicacc/prod/app_sear.htm)

Then enter the call letters or the facility ID# or the city, state, and frequency, and make sure you check the box down the page that lets you get all the superseded applications.

This will get you everything filed with the Commission on the various forms: CP applications, ownership changes, most but not quite all STA applications. The one exception is license applications for AMs, filed on Form 302-AM, unless it was a moment method antenna proof, shown as a BMML application. For those, you can go to the box marked "info" and then check the view correspondence option. It will pull up the 302-AM in pdf format as well as any relevant correspondence - often letters from the engineering staff of the media bureau pointing out deficiencies in the application engineering. The pdfs can be big, as they are scanned in.

The data in the on-line CDBS normally goes back at least 10 years and sometimes more. The file numbers allow law clerks and data services (such as Berry Best and Mona Wargo) to retrieve paper documents that are old enough to not be in the on-line service.

And, apropos of some of the comment about the KCEG situation, it is not at all unusual for applicants to make typographic errors in their submittals, or for the Commission staff to make them in the CP and license documents. Normally it is the paper CP or license NOT what's in the engineering database that is controlling, but if the paper CP or license has an error, then the underlying application will control. That's why the staff is VERY circumspect and cooperative about correcting errors - including those in the databases - if they are made aware of them. Ben (Who has been extracting data from the Commission files since around 1956.)

More how to find data in the FCC computerized files

Glenn, A very handy tool on the FCC's website, written many years ago by one of the senior engineers in the Media Bureau, Dale Bickel, is the "Radio Tools" utility. One of its subsets is "AM Query"

<http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/am-query-broadcast-station-search>

For example, look for "KALE"

Down at the bottom it says: History Cards: History Cards for KALE

Pull it up and it gives you:

<http://transition.fcc.gov/ftp/Bureaus/MB/Databases/HistoryCards/63359.pdf>

pdf's of the antique history of applications and licenses and some other data for this station since it's original application!

This isn't available for a lot of stations, but it seems to be for some modest percentage of them, and it's very handy if one is searching for some obscure technical history for a station (Ben Dawson, WA, Hatfield-Dawson, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

FCC SAYS AMERICAN TOWER IS FREE TO BUILD

Radio World By Leslie Stimson July 24, 2012

The FCC has decided a case in favor of American Tower Corp., the first such decision since the commission's new migratory bird-sensitive tower rules went into effect last month.

Environmental assessments are now required for proposed new towers over 450 feet above ground level, for replacement or modification of existing structures over 450 feet that involve a major size increase or for certain lighting changes to towers over 450 feet tall.

The case, between American Tower and Michael Pearson of Marshall, Ark., is significant for insight as to how the agency will handle these cases going forward.

Pearson raised several issues this April related to a 314-foot structure registered to American Tower that was under construction in Marshall, Ark. AT suspended construction while the iEmergency Petition to Compel Complianceî was reviewed.

Pearson lives near the site. He alleged AT began construction without public notice, that the site provided to the agency is wrong and the site is unmarked. AT submitted its environmental material that it had prepared before beginning the build.

The FCC said in its decision that the tower site is correct.

Because the tower would be in woods and pasture land within 4,000 feet of a wildlife management area, Pearson alleged the tower would negatively affect migratory birds and endangered species like mountain lions, bobcats and skunks.

The FCC said his complaint did not meet the standard for requesting environmental review. Pearson didn't identify endangered species that could be specifically affected by the tower; rather he had listed nonendangered species in the area.

The proximity of a tower to a wildlife management area does not, by itself, mean that a structure may have a significant effect on the environment, according to the agency, which denied this portion of the petition.

In the pre-application environmental assessment conducted for American Tower by Environmental Corp. of America, the company acknowledged the structure would be located in a migratory bird flyway and lit with red-steady lights.

However, the tower would be under 450-feet tall and would not use guy wires.

According to the FCC's new environmental assessment rules for towers, those iwith guy wires result in higher levels of avian mortality than towers without guy wiresî and further studies have not shown significant bird deaths at towers less than 450-feet tall.

The commission also didn't find Pearson's argument about RF exposure to be credible.

American Tower has complied with the commission's environmental rules and is now free to resume construction, said the FCC.

<http://www.radioworld.com/article/fcc-says-american-tower-is-free-to-build/214590>

(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

#### HEATHKIT FOLDS

Radio World July 26, 2012

<http://www.radioworld.com/article/heathkit-folds/214642>

Many a pirate and legitimate broadcaster alike got their start building do-it-yourself electronics kits made by Heathkit. Simple low-powered transmitters and ham radios were particularly popular.

Alas, the company is no more. The remnants of the company that once employed up to 1,800 people in St. Joseph Township, Mich., is now on the auction block, reports the Herald-Palladium of St. Joseph.

The company, down to half a dozen employees at the end, defaulted on its lease and filed for bankruptcy, owner Don Desrochers told the paper.

The company was last known as Heathkit Educational Systems. The business was primarily dependant on federal and state funding for schools. Spending in education continued to drop down, and it was economically unfeasible to continue operating, Desrochers told the Herald-Palladium.

Founded in 1926 as an aircraft company, Heathkit shifted its focus to electronics after World War II when it bought surplus electronic parts to build kits. Heathkit left the kit business in 1992, focusing on educational materials, then announced it was getting back into the kit business in 2011. However it was losing the educational business faster than it could grow the electronics business, which was not sustainable, according to Desrochers (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

#### Brazil physicist paper on HAARP

Physicist Dr. Fran De Aquino's paper on HAARP, ELF (extremely low frequency) earthquakes, cyclones, and heating.

<http://vixra.org/pdf/1202.0044v1.pdf>

HIGH-POWER ELF RADIATION GENERATED BY MODULATED HF HEATING OF THE IONOSPHERE CAN CAUSE EARTHQUAKES, CYCLONES AND LOCALIZED HEATING

Fran De Aquino

Maranhão State University, Physics Department, S.Luis/MA, Brazil.

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The High Frequency Active Auroral Research Program (HAARP) is

currently the most important facility used to generate extremely low frequency (ELF) electromagnetic radiation in the ionosphere. In order to produce this ELF radiation the HAARP transmitter radiates a strong beam of high-frequency (HF) waves modulated at ELF. This HF heating modulates the electrons' temperature in the D region ionosphere and leads to modulated conductivity and a time-varying current which then radiates at the modulation frequency. Recently, the HAARP HF transmitter operated with 3.6GW of effective radiated power modulated at frequency of 2.5Hz. It is shown that high-power ELF radiation generated by HF ionospheric heaters, such as the current HAARP heater, can cause Earthquakes, Cyclones and strong localized heating...

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Biographical information and research paper list of Dr. Fran De Aquino  
[http://www.zoominfo.com/people/De%20Aquino\\_Fran\\_84167968.aspx](http://www.zoominfo.com/people/De%20Aquino_Fran_84167968.aspx)  
<http://academic.research.microsoft.com/Author/13455241/fran-de-aquino>  
(via Mike Peraaho, July 29, DXLD)

Gets right into Gravitational Shielding, quantum physics (gh, DXLD)

PROPAGATION  
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Propagation outlook from PIG

Solar activity forecast for the period July 27 - August 2, 2012

Activity level: mostly very low to low  
Radio flux (10.7 cm): a fluctuation in the range 100-140 f.u.  
Flares: class C (0-12/day), class M (0-3/period), class X (0/period),  
proton (0/period)  
Relative sunspot number: in the range 35-115

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(RWC Prague)

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Geomagnetic activity forecast for the period July 27 - August 17, 2012

Geomagnetic field will be:  
Quiet on July 31, August 9.  
Mostly quiet on July 30, August 3 - 4, 8, 14 - 15.  
Quiet to unsettled on August 6 - 7.  
Quiet to active on July 31, August 12 - 13, 16 - 17.  
Active to disturbed on July 27 - 29, August 1 - 2, 5, 10 - 11.

High probability of changes in solar wind which  
may cause changes in magnetosphere and ionosphere

is expected until July 28 and on August 10 - 11 and 16.

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Geomagnetic field activity was at mostly quiet to unsettled levels throughout the summary period with isolated periods of minor storm levels observed at high latitudes on 23, 24, and 28 July. Activity on 23 July was at quiet to unsettled levels with solar wind speeds, as measured by the ACE spacecraft, hovering around 450 km/s. On 24 July, solar wind speeds increased to almost 600 km/s, as a coronal hole high speed stream (CH HSS), became geoeffective. With these elevated solar winds, quiet to unsettled levels were observed with an isolated period at minor storm levels observed at high latitudes. As effects of the CH HSS waned, solar wind speeds declined and remained between 380 and 500 km/s for the remainder of the period. With solar wind speeds around nominal levels, mostly quiet to unsettled levels also prevailed through 29 July.

#### FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 30 JULY - 25 AUGUST 2012

Solar activity is expected to be at low to moderate levels from 30 July - 15 August as Region 1532 and old Region 1520 (S16, L=086) rotate across the visible disk. A decrease to mostly low levels is expected from 16 - 23 August. As Region 1532 rotates back onto the visible disk on 23 August, an increase to low to moderate levels is expected for the remainder of the forecast period.

A greater than 10 MeV proton event at geosynchronous orbit is possible from 30 July - 18 August as Region 1532 and old Region 1520 traverse the visible disk.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at normal to moderate levels throughout the period since most of the coronal hole structures have dissipated.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at predominantly quiet levels from 30 July - 19 August and 22 - 23 August. Quiet to unsettled levels are expected from 20 - 21 August and 24 - 25 August as weak CH HSS become geoeffective.

:Product: 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table 27D0.txt  
:Issued: 2012 Jul 30 1421 UTC  
# Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction Center  
# Product description and SWPC contact on the Web

# http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/wwire.html

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# 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table

# Issued 2012-07-30

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| #    | UTC    | Radio Flux | Planetary | Largest  |
|------|--------|------------|-----------|----------|
| #    | Date   | 10.7 cm    | A Index   | Kp Index |
| 2012 | Jul 30 | 132        | 12        | 3        |
| 2012 | Jul 31 | 135        | 8         | 3        |
| 2012 | Aug 01 | 138        | 5         | 2        |
| 2012 | Aug 02 | 140        | 10        | 3        |
| 2012 | Aug 03 | 150        | 8         | 3        |
| 2012 | Aug 04 | 155        | 5         | 2        |
| 2012 | Aug 05 | 155        | 5         | 2        |
| 2012 | Aug 06 | 155        | 5         | 2        |
| 2012 | Aug 07 | 155        | 5         | 2        |
| 2012 | Aug 08 | 150        | 5         | 2        |
| 2012 | Aug 09 | 150        | 5         | 2        |
| 2012 | Aug 10 | 140        | 5         | 2        |
| 2012 | Aug 11 | 130        | 5         | 2        |
| 2012 | Aug 12 | 120        | 5         | 2        |
| 2012 | Aug 13 | 120        | 5         | 2        |
| 2012 | Aug 14 | 110        | 5         | 2        |
| 2012 | Aug 15 | 100        | 5         | 2        |
| 2012 | Aug 16 | 95         | 5         | 2        |
| 2012 | Aug 17 | 90         | 5         | 2        |
| 2012 | Aug 18 | 90         | 5         | 2        |
| 2012 | Aug 19 | 95         | 5         | 2        |
| 2012 | Aug 20 | 95         | 8         | 3        |
| 2012 | Aug 21 | 95         | 8         | 3        |
| 2012 | Aug 22 | 100        | 5         | 2        |
| 2012 | Aug 23 | 110        | 5         | 2        |
| 2012 | Aug 24 | 120        | 8         | 3        |
| 2012 | Aug 25 | 130        | 8         | 3        |

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1628, DXLD)

#### SOLAR ACTIVITY FORECAST FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 3 - 9, 2012

Activity level: mostly low

Radio flux (10.7 cm): a fluctuation in the range 105-160 f.u.

Flares: class C (0-15/day), class M (0-5/period), class X (0-1/period), proton (0-1/period)

Relative sunspot number: in the range 40-125

Astronomical Institute, Solar Dept., Ondrejov, Czech Republic

e-mail: sunwatch(at)asu.cas.cz (RWC Prague)

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Geomagnetic activity forecast for the period August 3 - 17, 2012

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Quiet on August 9.

Mostly quiet on August 3 - 4, 8, 14 - 15.

Quiet to unsettled on August 6 - 7.

Quiet to active on August 12 - 13, 16 - 17.

Active to disturbed on August 1 - 2, 5, 10 - 11.

High probability of changes in solar wind which may cause changes in magnetosphere and ionosphere is expected on August 10 - 11 and 16.

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